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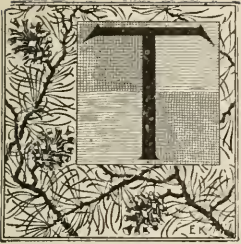
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PREFACE.



THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea, the BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought this county to a rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

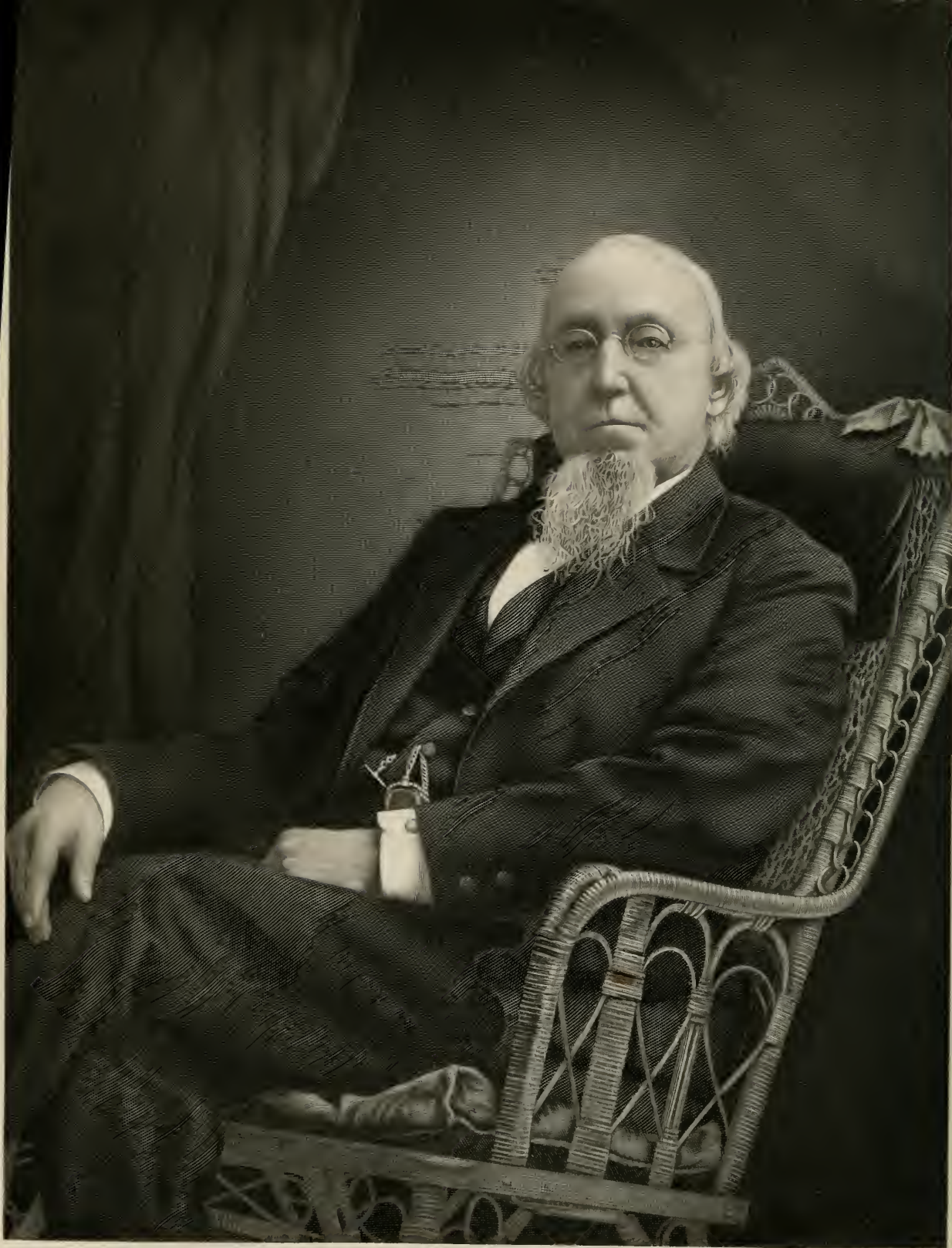
The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men never could be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.

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Chancy Lamb

BIOGRAPHICAL

CHANCY LAMB.

Honored and respected by all, there was no one in Clinton county who occupied a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles than Chancy Lamb, not alone on account of the brilliant success he achieved, but also on account of the honorable straightforward business policy he ever followed. Integrity, activity and energy were the crowning points of his success, and his connection with various business enterprises and industries were of decided advantage to his section of the state, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Lamb was born in Ticonderoga, Essex county, New York, January 4, 1816, and was a son of Alpheus and Maria (Bailey) Lamb, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. On his father's farm he passed his boyhood youth, and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood, which he attended until fourteen years of age, when he commenced his saw-mill career. He early had a desire to try his fortune in the great west, and in June, 1844, with his wife and family, removed to Illinois and located in York, Carroll county. As they were also desirous of identifying themselves with the west his parents ac-

companied him on the journey. Their children were Merrette N., Emily, Lucy, Garrett and Chancy.

On taking up his residence in Illinois, our subject's cash capital consisted of twenty-five cents. He pre-empted a tract of land and rented an adjoining place which had been somewhat improved, and as a farmer he began his business career. Not being entirely satisfied with results he returned to New York at the end of seven years. and was there employed on a salary to manage a lumber business, working by the day or year, and occasionally taking contracts to saw lumber by the thousand feet.

In the meantime Mr. Lamb has retained possession of the two hundred and eighty acres of land which he had purchased in Illinois. Hearing glowing accounts of the state of Iowa, he resolved to give the west another trial with the hope of bettering his financial condition and establishing a permanent location. With this end in view he came to Clinton in 1856 and started in business with a capital of less than three thousand dollars. Purchasing an old saw-mill which stood on the bank of the Mississippi river where the railroad bridge now crosses it, he put it in running order and had begun business with a fair prospect of success when the building was de-

stroyed by fire in 1858. With characteristic energy, however, he at once re-built what was known as mill B, but that was also burned October 14, 1876. In 1868 he built the stone mill which was designated as mill A, and also purchased and remodeled a mill at Chancy, afterward known as mill D, which was also destroyed by fire January 4, 1877, but with the same persistency as before Mr. Lamb caused its reconstruction, and also acquired what is known as mill C, just below it on the Mississippi river. Two years later, May 22, 1879, he lost, by the ravages of the same element, a fine brick office, a large amount of lumber and several dwelling houses and barns. Nothing daunted, however, he continued business here uninterruptedly up to the time of his death, and his labors were at length crowned with success. He had large interests in various mills at Eau Claire, Chipewewa Falls, Barronett, Shell Lake and White River, Wisconsin. It is estimated that his loss by fire alone in early years aggregated three hundred thousand dollars. In addition to his extensive milling transactions Mr. Lamb was largely interested in pine lands, which was a source of supply for their mills. He was also a stockholder and director of the Clinton National Bank; was president of the Clinton Water Works Company, and interested in the gas company. He did much toward building up the city of his adoption, and in Clinton alone gave employment to over nine hundred men.

On the 17th of November, 1839, Mr. Lamb was united in marriage with Miss Jane Bevier, who was born in Bradford, Steuben county, New York, March 10, 1820, and was a daughter of David and Sarah (Geer) Bevier. David Bevier was born in Ulster county, New York, and

his wife, Sarah Geer, in Norwich, Connecticut. On the removal of her parents to the Empire state, they settled at Bradford, then called Jersey Hollow, where the father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1829, and the mother in 1847. Her father served seven years during the Revolutionary war, in the Third Ulster County, New York Regiment, and also took part in the war of 1812. He was a man of great courage and bravery, and was an honored and respected citizen of the community in which he resided. His children were Mrs. Mary W. Gannon; Charles; Mrs. Elizabeth H. Switzer; William; George; Mrs. Sarah A. Whitehead; Mrs. Jane Lamb; Mrs. Phoebe Reeder. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were born four children: Artemus; Augusta, wife of Edward Ware; Lafayette; and Emma E., wife of William E. Young. The sons are both represented elsewhere in this volume.

During the Civil war Mr. Lamb was a staunch supporter of the Union cause, and was active in encouraging enlistments and in every way strengthening the arm of the government. After the battle of Fort Donelson, in company with Dr. A. L. Ankeny, he made a trip to Mound City on the Ohio river, from which place they started home with thirty-one wounded soldiers, bringing many to Clinton, where they rendered them such aid as was possible, being assisted in these Christian duties by their families until the recovery of the soldiers. At another time during the war they went to Memphis on the same humane and patriotic errand, but much to their regret succeeded in bringing home only a few soldiers at this time, circumstances preventing the transportation of a large number. Such acts as these can be better appreciated than described but they show the finer qualities

of a noble nature of one who took great delight in aiding those in need. The Republican party always found in Mr. Lamb a staunch supporter in its principles, and he took an active interest in all enterprises which he believed calculated to advance the moral, social or material welfare of his city and county. He died July 12, 1897, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a public benefactor. His career was such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity, and his devotion to the public good was unquestioned, arising from a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow men. He was a man of the times, broad-minded public-spirited and progressive, and it is but just and merited praise to say of him that as a business man he ranked among the ablest; as a citizen he was honorable, prompt and true to every engagement; and as a man he held the honor and esteem of his fellow citizens.

PAUL LUBBERS.

Prominent among the successful business men of Clinton is the well-known insurance and real estate dealer, who for some years has taken a very active and prominent part in public affairs. He was born in Lyons, March 5, 1858, and is a son of John Lubbers, one of the early settlers of this county. The father is a native of Bremen, Germany, and a son of Edward Lubbers, who spent his entire life in that country. At the age of fifteen years John Lubbers went to sea as a sailor, and was serving as second lieutenant in the German navy during the war of 1848, when he was

captured by the Danes and held a prisoner for three months. He then managed to escape and came to America, locating at Sandusky, Ohio, in 1850, where he bought a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits for some years. Before taking up his residence there, however, he made a trip to California. In 1854 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and erected the hotel at Lyons, now known as the Dressen Hotel. This he conducted until 1861, when he enlisted as captain of Company E, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, of which he was later made lieutenant colonel and served throughout the war. After his return home he carried on the hotel for a time and then he traded it for an improved farm, which he operated until his death. He was a Democrat in politics and served as assessor and in other minor offices. He died in 1885, at the age of sixty-six years, honored and respected by all who knew him. In early manhood he married Miss Johanna Fuhrmann, a native of Schleswig, Germany, and to them were born nine children, but all died in infancy with exception of Paul and Hattie. The wife and mother now makes her home in Clinton, but the old home farm is still in possession of the family.

Paul Lubbers was educated in the public and high schools of this county, and engaged in farming until he attained his majority. He was then employed as clerk and bookkeeper in Lyons until 1881 and in Clinton for the following five years. In 1886 he was appointed deputy treasurer of the county under Mr. Lund, and after filling that office for four years he was employed as bookkeeper in the City National Bank of Clinton for two years. At the end of that time he was elected in 1891 county treasurer, and served in that capacity for

eight years with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. In 1893 he became a member of the firm of J. Q. Jeffries & Company, insurance and real estate dealers, who are now doing a very large and important business.

In 1885 Mr. Lubbers was united in marriage with Miss Lena Hanson, a daughter of John Hanson, of Lyons, who was formerly a farmer of this county. Of the four children born to this union, three died in infancy, and Alber is now attending school in Clinton.

In his social relations Mr. Lubbers is an honored member of Western Star Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M., and Walhalla Lodge, No. 150, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand, and the Encampment, No. 20. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias fraternities, and is captain of the uniformed rank of the last named order. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county, and is quite popular both in business and social circles.

JOHN H. GAMBLE.

For over a third of a century John H. Gamble has been in the service of the Chicago & Northwest Railway Company, and since 1889 has made his home in Clinton. He was born in Albany, Illinois, on the 4th of March, 1840, and is the son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Heck) Gamble, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Westmoreland county, of Scotch ancestry, and the latter of Holland Dutch extraction. After their marriage they removed to Ohio, and in 1839 emigrated to Illinois, locating on a farm near Albany, Whiteside county. Subsequently they removed to Rock Island

county, the same state, and settled near Moline, where the father followed farming until called to his final rest at the age of fifty-one years. The mother long survived him and passed away in Moline at the age of eighty-three. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the father was a Democrat in politics. He was quite a well-educated man for his day and he always kept well informed on public questions.

John H. Gamble, of this review, is the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being Sarah J., deceased; Aaron, a farmer and stock raiser, of Wilson county, Kansas; Margaret deceased; William, a veteran of the Civil war, and a resident of Rock Island, Illinois; Alice, deceased; Irene, wife of Joseph Smith, who was also a soldier of the Civil war and is now a resident of Rock Falls, Illinois; and Josiah O. and Silas, both residents of Moline. The children were reared upon a farm and educated in the public schools of Rock Island county, Illinois.

Our subject completed his education in the schools of Moline, and remained on the home farm until twenty years of age. October 29, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Samantha C. Boyles, who was born in Rock Island county in 1842. Her mother died in 1844, and her father removed to Cadiz, Ohio, where Mrs. Gamble was educated and spent her childhood days, and returning to Rock Island as a young lady, she was there married.

Of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, but five still live, as follows: (1) Ettia May is now the wife of George Kuhnes, of Des Moines, Iowa, and they have one child, Grace E. (2) Willfarene married B. E. Johnson, who died, leaving two children, Fay and John, and for her

second husband she married T. P. Rogers, a resident of Boone, Iowa, by whom she also has two children, Meinard and Robert Emmett. (3) Mabel is the wife of William G. MacNicoll, of Clinton, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. (4) Grace Alice and (5) Charles Paul are both at home with their parents. They were principally educated in the schools of Boone, Iowa, though Ettia took a course at the Agricultural College in Ames, Iowa, and the son pursued a business course at the Clinton Business College. He is now brakeman on a passenger train of the Northwestern.

After his marriage Mr. Gamble removed to Moline, Illinois, and engaged in teaming for a time. In 1864 he went as brakeman on the Chicago & Rock Island Railway, now the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and it was not long before he was promoted to conductor. On leaving that road in 1867 he removed to Boone, Iowa, and entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as switchman, but a month later commenced firing on the road. He was thus employed for a year and a half, and was then night foreman and hostler in the roundhouse at Boone until June 24, 1872, when he was given an engine. He was in the freight and extra passenger service until 1886, when he was given a regular passenger run between Clinton and Boone, which he still retains. During his long railroad career he has met with but one accident, and that was a head-end collision in 1875. He has always had the confidence of the company by which he is employed and is considered one of the most trustworthy engineers on the road.

Mr. Gamble has a pleasant home on Seventh avenue, purchased by him in 1897. In politics he is independent, and casts his

ballot for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. In 1873 he joined Division No. 6 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineer at Boone, but on his removal to Clinton transferred his membership to Division No. 125 at this place. His wife is a prominent member of the Grand International Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. On her arrival here in 1889 Mrs. Gamble was the only member of the Auxiliary in this city, there being no organization here. She, with two others, started the lodge here, getting the charter, and has held the different chairs. She was also one of the founders of the Volunteer Relief Association, a benevolent insurance order for members of the Auxiliary, which has been eminently successful and in which Mrs. Gamble was the first collector and insurance agent of the order at Clinton. During their residence here they have made many warm friends, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

EDWIN T. BOYLE.

Occupying a prominent place among the newspaper men of Clinton is Edwin T. Boyle, who is now business manager for the Clinton Advertiser. He is a native of this county, born in Lyons in 1871, and received his education in the schools there and at the Clinton Business College. He began his journalistic career in 1889, and is now business manager for the Advertiser, as previously stated. He is not only an especially valuable man in that department, but is also an interesting writer and has done considerable work in that line at different times. He is quite popular socially, is a

prominent member of a number of civic societies and is a young man of good executive ability and sound judgment, and occupies quite an enviable position both in business and social circles.

WILLIAM G. MACNICOLL.

William G. MacNicoll, the present efficient foreman of the Curtis Brothers & Company mill at Clinton, was born in Glamis, Forfarshire, Scotland, February 23, 1872, a son of James and Mary (Greenhull) MacNicoll. By trade the father was a shoemaker. In the family were eleven children, four of whom now live in America, namely: Joseph, a carpenter, of New York City; John, a gardener on Long Island; Helen, wife of Robert Simms, of Morristown, New Jersey; and William G., our subject. One son, who is a blacksmith by trade, is now in South Africa, and the others are still living in Scotland.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of his native land, and there learned the trade of stair-builder. When a lad of sixteen years he came to the new world with friends, and on landing on American soil proceeded at once to Clinton, Iowa. Having friends living here, it was not long before he became well acquainted, and he soon secured employment in the mill of Curtis Brothers & Company. He has rapidly worked his way upward, advancing step by step over many men who have been in their employ for a number of years, until he now holds the very responsible position of foreman of the mill, having under his supervision about eight experienced men. He was appointed to that position on the 1st of January, 1901. Feeling the need of a better education than he had previously

received, Mr. MacNicoll has attended night school since coming to Clinton, and is practically a self-educated as well as a self-made man.

In 1895 was celebrated his marriage with Miss Mabel Gamble, a daughter of John H. Gamble, whose sketch precedes this. She was born in Boone, Iowa, in 1872, and attended the public schools of that city. Unto our subject and his wife were born two children: Bamlet E., who died in infancy; and Madge Lorine, born May 18, 1897. Mr. MacNicoll has made his home in Clinton since the fall of 1888, and during this time has gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. He is a member of the Orient, a social order; Robin Hood Camp, M. W. A.; and the Wood Worker's Union, No. 92, of Clinton. He was a charter member of the last named order and has served as its president.

DAVID S. FAIRCHILD.

One of the most distinguished physicians in Iowa is David S. Fairchild, whose prominence is not limited by the confines of the city of Clinton, in which he makes his home, but extends throughout the commonwealth. His ability, strong mentality and his close and comprehensive study has gained him distinction that places him in the foremost ranks among the eminent physicians in this portion of the country, and today he occupies the position of division surgeon for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

Dr. Fairchild entered upon his life career on the 16th of September, 1847, the place of his nativity being the town of Fairfield, Vermont. His parents were Eli and Grace

D. (Sturges) Fairchild, who settled in Fairfield, Vermont, in 1844, and were there engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a grandson of Archibald Fairchild, of Redding, whose descendant became noted in connection with affairs which shaped the policy of the nation in early days. Six of his sons were soldiers in the Continental army which established the republic after eight long years of warfare with Great Britain. The Doctor's mother was born in Fairfield, Vermont, and there the marriage of the parents occurred. Her father was a sea captain and located in the Green Mountain state in 1802. He represented a prominent family of New England that was established in Vermont in pioneer days.

Dr. Fairchild was reared to manhood in the place of his nativity and attended the public schools, after which he continued his education at the academy at Franklin and was also a student in the academy at Barre, Vermont. Determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he became a student in the office and under the direction of the noted physician, Dr. J. B. Crampton, of Fairfield, and thus laid the foundation for his wide and comprehensive knowledge of the medical science. He afterward attended medical lectures at the University of Michigan, in 1866 and 1867 and was graduated in the Albany Medical College in December, 1868. Believing that the west would furnish better opportunities for a young man just entering upon a professional career, he located at High Forrest, Minnesota, and after three years of successful practice at that place removed to Ames, Iowa, in 1872. He has always been a student of his profession, and his continued reading and observation have kept him in touch with the progress that is yearly being made by representatives of the medical

fraternity. His worth was soon acknowledged, and in 1877 he was appointed physician to the Iowa Agricultural College. In 1879 he was elected professor of physiology and comparative anatomy, acting in that capacity until 1893, when he resigned to accept the position of surgeon of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, covering all the lines of that system in the state of Iowa. He had served as local surgeon for this road in 1884, and through the satisfactory performance of the duties that devolved upon him, won favorable notice, and two years later was promoted to district surgeon, and in 1893 was made division surgeon, with headquarters at Clinton. In 1897 he was appointed special examining surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad system.

He is particularly skillful in the line of surgery owing to his thorough understanding of anatomy, his intimate knowledge of the human system and the function of all its parts, combined with coolness and accuracy in performing an operation. In 1880 he was elected professor of histology and pathology in the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Des Moines, and in 1885 was transferred to the chairs of pathology and diseases of the nervous system, and in the latter capacity he has since rendered capable and valued service. For two years prior to the incorporation of the college as a part of the Des Moines University, he served as president of the institution.

Since 1893 Dr. Fairchild has abandoned general practice and devoted his time and energies almost exclusively to consultation, giving particular attention to surgery and nervous diseases. He has been a valued contributor of numerous articles to the medical journals and his papers have attracted

wide attention in various medical societies. He has always taken a great interest in establishing organizations in the medical fraternity to disseminate a broader and more accurate knowledge of the science of medicine and surgery.

In 1873 he issued a call to the physicians of Story county to meet for the purpose of framing a county medical society, and at its organization was elected president. In 1884 he assisted materially in the organizing of the Central District Medical Society, and was chosen its president in 1886.

In 1874 he became a member of the Iowa State Medical Society, and in 1876 was elected second vice-president; in 1894, first vice-president, and in 1895, its president. He is a member of the Western Surgical Association and filled the position of president in 1898. He is also prominent in the American Medical Association, the National Association of Railway Surgeons and the American Academy of Railway Surgeons, serving as president of the last named in 1901. He served as a delegate to the National Medical Congress of 1876 and assisted in organizing the Iowa Academy of Sciences, in which he became chairman of the committee appointed by the State Medical Society to prepare a history of medicine in Iowa. He is local surgeon for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway Company. All of the patients connected with the various railroads that can conveniently be taken to Mercy Hospital, of Clinton, Iowa, come under the immediate care of Dr. Fairchild. It is his desire to devote three days each week to this work in Clinton, but as his services are so largely in demand it is sometimes impossible for him to accomplish this.

On the 1st of May, 1870, Dr. Fairchild was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina

C. Tattersall, a daughter of the Honorable W. K. Tattersall, of High Forrest, Minnesota. The lady is a native of New York City, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children. The eldest, David S. Fairchild, Jr., is associated with his father in business and carries on a general practice. He is a graduate of the Drake Medical College, of Des Moines, Iowa, of the class of 1897, and in May, 1898, was assistant surgeon of the Fifty-first Iowa Infantry. He went to the Philippines as major surgeon and was promoted to brigade surgeon of the Second Division of the Eighth Army Corps, serving on General Wheaton's staff. Later he was transferred to brigade surgeon of the First Brigade, Second Division, serving on General McArthur's staff. On the expiration of his term he returned home with his regiment and was mustered out of service on the 1st of November, 1899. He was born at High Forrest, Minnesota, in 1871, and is therefore a young man, but already has gained distinction in the line of his profession and is an able assistant to his honored father. He is a member of the County Medical Society, of which he is president, and also belongs to the State Medical Association; the State Railway Medical Association and different branches of Masonry. He married Ella Brown, of Des Moines, and they have one son, Marion. The second member of the family is Gertrude, now the wife of Albert Brown, of Des Moines, while Marguerite completes the family.

Dr. Fairchild is a member of different Masonic bodies and of the Wapsipuncon Club. His beautiful home, with his office and consultation rooms, is located at the corner of Sixth avenue and Third street in Clinton.

In a profession where advancement de-

pende entirely upon individual ability, Dr. Fairchild has won distinction and to-day is one of the most prominent representatives of his chosen calling in this state. Endowed by nature with strong mentality, he has closely applied himself to the mastery of the principles of medical science and has carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of medical knowledge, not only following the leadership of others but leading in the advance movement that has brought new truths and principles to light, proving of great value in the healing art.

JUDGE EDWARD H. THAYER,

Editor and one of the proprietors of the Clinton (Iowa) Morning Age, was born at Windham, Maine, November 27, 1832. His father, Ludo Thayer, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1796, and his mother, whose maiden name was Rhoda Penniman, was born in Windsor, Vermont, the same year. For many years he attended the district schools at Orono, state of Maine, graduating from the East Corinth Academy in 1850. That year he started for Portland, Oregon, although at that time Greeley had not given the young men that excellent advice "to buy a Hoe press and go West." At Albany he took passage on a canal boat for Buffalo, thence by lake boat to Cleveland, where he was taken sick, preventing his continuing his journey.

He remained in Cleveland three years reading law in the office of Bolton, Kelley & Griswold, attending lectures of the medical college and doing local work on the Herald and Plain Dealer, newspapers of that city. While in Cleveland, the subject

of this sketch learned shorthand writing, being one of the very few persons in the country who at that time was able to report speeches verbatim. In the political campaign of 1852 he reported speeches made by Stephen A. Douglas, Lewis Cass, Horace Greeley, Sam Houston and other distinguished gentlemen. He reported the speech of General Scott which was made in that city, in which occurred the noted phrases "sweet German accent" and "rich Irish brogue." He accompanied the party that escorted General Scott to the Blue Lick Springs, reporting the speeches made on the route of that celebrated chieftain. He also reported several speeches made by Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot.

In the spring of 1853 Mr. Thayer was admitted to the bar, passing the very thorough examination at that time made imperative by law, his certificate authorizing him to practice his profession in all the courts of the state. In May of that year he started further West, spending a week or two in Chicago. By railroad he went to Freeport, Illinois, thence by stage to Savannah, and down the river by boat to Muscatine, Iowa, where he commenced the practice of law. In 1854 he was elected county attorney on the Democratic ticket. In 1856 he was elected county judge of Muscatine county, and re-elected in 1858, both times as a Democrat. In 1858 he married Miss Delia E. Payne, of Westport, New York, who during their 43 years of married life has been his most valuable helpmate. The fruits of this marriage were three daughters, all now residing in Clinton. In 1860 he was elected by the Democratic state convention as a delegate to the Charleston convention, being made the Iowa member of the committee on permanent organization, before which committee the first contest was

made between the Douglas and Breckenridge factions. In that convention Judge Thayer voted fifty-six times for Stephen A. Douglas for candidate as president. The convention without selecting a candidate adjourned to Baltimore, where on the first ballot Judge Douglas was placed in nomination. In 1862 Judge Thayer was the Democratic candidate for congress, but was defeated by Hiram Price. During his residence in Musatine, Judge Thayer was engaged in the newspaper business, and in 1868 he moved to Clinton, where he established the *Age*, which paper he has since continued to edit and manage. He at once took a prominent part in advocating the construction of railroads, was director in several railroad companies, president of the Iowa Southwestern road, building a portion of that road and then operating it. He has been active through his paper in urging capital to establish manufactures in Iowa, has been a leader in championing the educational interests of the state, a persistent advocate of good roads, his work in that direction running through a period of twenty years. He has made the beet sugar industry a study, beginning the agitation of that subject in 1873 and from time to time publishing a vast amount of valuable information which has had much to do with the establishment of beet sugar factories in this country, and he is now a firm believer in the practicability of growing sugar beets and manufacturing beet sugar in Iowa.

In 1875 Judge Thayer was elected a member of the lower house of the General Assembly of Iowa, and the following year he was appointed by Governor Kirkwood, a trustee of the state normal school, assisting in the establishment of that institution, holding the office of president of the board for several years, resigning in 1885 to ac-

cept the office of postmaster of Clinton, which unsolicited, was tendered him by President Cleveland. In 1876 he was chosen a delegate to the Democratic national convention which met in St. Louis, taking an active part in securing the nomination of Samuel J. Tilden. In 1884 he was elected delegate at large to the Democratic national convention held at Chicago, was selected as the Iowa member of the platform committee and performed valuable service in formulating the tariff plank.

Besides his active advocacy of good roads in the *Daily Age* he inaugurated a movement for a good roads convention, which met at Des Moines in August, 1892. This was one of the largest assemblies, outside of political gatherings, ever held in the state, every county and nearly every city and town sending delegates. He was elected chairman of the convention, making an address upon the subject of good roads, and subsequently, when the permanent organization known as the "Iowa Road Improvement Association" was organized, he was elected the president, which position he held for a number of years.

In October, 1892, the first national convention to consider the subject of good roads met in Music Hall, Chicago. This convention was presided over by Judge Thayer, and subsequently when the national league of good roads was organized, he was made chairman of the executive committee, which office he now holds. In January, 1893, he read a paper on "good roads" before a convention of the National League for Good Roads, held at Washington, D. C. In May, 1893, he addressed the Iowa Bankers' Association at their annual meeting, taking for his subject "Good Roads and how they affect our financial condition." In October, 1893, he delivered two ad-

dresses in Chicago; one before the American Bankers' Association, at their annual meeting, being assigned the subject, "The construction of good roads as a matter of finance," and the other before the "Good Roads Congress of the World's Columbian Exposition," his topic being "A New Departure."

In 1880 he was appointed by Governor Gear the Iowa member of the Mississippi River States Commission, taking a prominent part in the annual meetings which were held in New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis and St. Paul. This committee consisted of one member from each state bordering on the Mississippi river. It served the public many years and until congress recognized the importance of its work by providing for the existing national commission.

For almost half a century Judge Thayer has been a familiar face in Democratic state conventions. He has often been placed on the committees on resolutions and he presided over the deliberations of the convention of 1864 held at Des Moines.

For several years he was a member of the school board of the city of Clinton and for twenty-five years a vestryman in St. John's Episcopal church. In local matters the Age, under the direction of its editor, has been active in advocating and urging forward the material interests of the city. At an early day, realizing the fact that railroads were essential to the growth, prosperity and welfare of the state, the Age zealously and untiringly, not only advocated gridironing the state with railroads, but discountenanced and condemned the spirit of antagonism toward railroads which at times prevailed on the part of some of the people and some of the law makers.

J. ALEXANDER SMITH.

Prominent among the successful agriculturists of Clinton county is J. Alexander Smith, who now makes his home in DeWitt. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, September 18, 1835, and is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of that state, being a grandson of John I. Smith, who was one of the first settlers of Belmont county and later made his home in Morgan county.

Our subject's father, William Smith, was also a native of the Buckeye state, and spent his early life in Morgan county, where in the midst of the dense forest he cleared and improved a farm. He married Miss Sarah Beal, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, and was a daughter of Asa Beal, also an early settler of that state, living first in Harrison and later in Morgan counties. She died in 1848 and he subsequently married again, and had children by both unions. He continued to reside in his native state until 1863, when he removed to Clinton county, Iowa, and purchased a farm in DeWitt township, where he made his home for some years, but his last days were spent in the village of DeWitt, where he passed away July 14, 1899, at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. His second wife still survives him.

Mr. Smith, of this review, who is one of the children born of the first marriage, grew to manhood in the county of his nativity and acquired his education in its common schools. He remained with his father until twenty-two years of age, and was then married in Morgan county, November 13, 1856, to Miss Ursula Mummey, also a native of that county, and a daughter of Joshua Mummey, who was a soldier in the war of

1812. By this union were born two children: Lucetta C., wife of Charles Arthur, a retired farmer of DeWitt; and George M., a business man and farmer residing in DeWitt. The latter is married and has one child living: Harold. Emery W. was accidentally killed May 31, 1901, by falling from a loaded wagon and the wheel passing over him. He was aged seven years and four months.

After his marriage Mr. Smith rented land in Morgan county, Ohio, and was engaged in farming there until June, 1863, when he came to Clinton county, Iowa. Here he also rented land for several years, but was at length able to purchase forty acres in DeWitt township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he at once turned his attention. He added to the original tract from time to time until he had a quarter section in the home place, which was pleasantly located about four miles from DeWitt. He built a pleasant residence, good barns and other outbuildings, and made many other improvements which added greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the farm. After living there for several years he bought an adjoining farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and subsequently sold his first farm and removed to DeWitt, where he owns a good home. Since then he has purchased another farm of one hundred and sixty acres two miles east of the village, and another of eighty acres, so that he now has three fine farms aggregating three hundred and sixty acres. All of this property has been acquired through his own well directed and energetic efforts, for he came to the county in limited circumstances and has received no outside aid from any source.

Mr. Smith has taken an active part in all that tends to upbuild or advance the in-

terests of his town or county, and never withholds his support from any enterprise for the public good. He has been a stockholder, director and one of the officials of the Agricultural Society of Clinton county for several years; is now president of the Fair Association; and was one of the promoters of the Clinton, Jackson & Scott Mutual Insurance Company, of which he has been secretary for some years. Since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, he has supported every Republican candidate for that office, but at local elections casts his ballot for the best man regardless of party lines. He has been a delegate to both state and county conventions of his party, and has been a member of the township central committee. While living on the farm he served six consecutive years as assessor; also filled the office of township trustee; and has been a member of the school board many years, serving as secretary of the township board six years and treasurer for the same length of time. His public and private duties have always been most faithfully and conscientiously performed, and he is recognized as one of the most valued and useful citizens of his community. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is an earnest member, and gives to its support.

DAVID BRANT.

David Brant, editor of the Clinton Daily Herald, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, July 6, 1850, and is a son of Winans Brant, who died in 1851. When five years old Mr. Brant removed to Iowa, living first in Monroe county, and from 1857 to 1868 in Ringgold county. In 1869 he went to Johnson county and later entered the State University at Iowa City, where he was a

student for five years. After leaving that institution he was connected with different newspapers in Iowa City until February, 1881, when he removed to Linn county to become city editor of the Cedar Rapids Republican. In 1883 he founded the Walker News, which he sold in 1890, when he became connected with the Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette. He became editor of the Clinton Herald in December, 1897. The only office he has ever held was that of representative to the state legislature while a resident of Linn county.

On the 30th of October, 1878, Mr. Brant was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Hurd, at Waterloo, Iowa. She was born near Lockport, Niagara county, New York, August 22, 1859, and is a daughter of I. N. and Annis (Richardson) Hurd. On her father's side she is descended from the Hurds, Hawleys and Newtons who settled in New England before the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Brant have four children: Lucy Winnifred, born in Iowa City, April 15, 1880; Irving Newton, born in Walker, Iowa, January 17, 1885; Archer Winans, born in Walker, May 20, 1886; and Dorothy Annis, born in Clinton, April 26, 1898.

HENRY F. BOWERS.

Among the well known and highly respected citizens of Clinton who have borne an important part in the development of this portion of the state is the Hon. Henry Francis Bowers, whose name is enrolled among the pioneers who came to eastern Iowa in the middle of the nineteenth century. He has ever been a prominent factor in the progress and advancement which have wrought a marvelous transformation here. It is a well attested maxim that the great-

ness of a state lies not in the machinery of government, nor even in its institutions, but in the sterling qualities of its individual citizens, in their capacity for high and unselfish effort and their devotion to the public good. Regarded as a citizen Mr. Bowers belongs to that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are centered and directed in those channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number, and it is therefore consistent with the purpose and plan of this work that his record be given among those of the representative men of the county. His reputation, however, is not limited by the confines of the county, for his labors in connection with the American Protective Association have gained him national fame.

Mr. Bowers was born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 12, 1837. His father was Augustus Bowers, a native of Germany, and in that country the name was spelled Bauer. He served as a lieutenant in the regular army of the fatherland and after coming to America took up his abode in Baltimore, where he married Emeline Lewis, a native of that city. During the childhood of our subject the father started for Germany to settle up the estate of his paternal ancestors, but the ship on which he took passage sank and he was drowned.

The early education of Henry F. Bowers was acquired under the direction of his mother and aunt, who were highly educated ladies and representatives of a prominent southern family. During the time when he should have attended the public schools they were closed and he was thus deprived of the privilege which is and should be the inherent right of every American child. The schools throughout Maryland were closed by an act of the state legislature and re-

mained thus for several years. In April, 1857, the family came to the west, locating on a farm south of DeWitt, Clinton county. At this period Mr. Bowers completed his education by candle light, studying while others slept. Later the family removed to DeWitt and he there secured work as a carpenter and cabinet-maker. In 1863 he entered the office of the clerk of the courts of Clinton county, acting as deputy clerk for one term and as deputy recorder for two terms. During this time his leisure hours were devoted to the study of law. Not long afterward he was elected and served for two terms as county recorder, and on the 20th of June, 1877, he was admitted to the bar of Iowa. The following year he was appointed special aid-de-camp on the staff of Governor Gear and filled the position until the close of his term. In April, 1879, he was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state, and in the United States courts in April, 1882. From the beginning of his professional career he has enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. As a lawyer he is sound, clear-minded and well trained. The limitations which are imposed by the constitution of federal powers are well understood by him. He is at home in all the departments of the law from the minutiae in practice to the greater topics wherein is involved the consideration of the ethics and the philosophy of jurisprudence and the higher concerns of public policy. But he is not learned in law alone, for he has studied long and carefully the questions which affect the public policy and the stability of American institutions. He is felicitous and clear in argument, thoroughly in earnest, full of the vigor of conviction, never abusive of adversaries, imbued with the highest courtesy and yet a foe worthy of the steel of the most able opponent.

In his political affiliations Mr. Bowers has always been a Republican and shortly after the convention which organized the party he had the pleasure of seeing and hearing its first presidential candidate, General John C. Fremont, in the city of Baltimore, where with his uncle he occupied a position on the platform during the meeting. Perhaps Mr. Bowers is most widely known in connection with his work on behalf of the American Protective Association, best known as the A. P. A. He is the founder of the organization, which he was led to establish through the closing of the Maryland public schools, thus depriving the citizens of the state of their rights under the ordinance of 1798 wherein it is recommended that every American child should have a common school education. The organization was effected for the purpose of maintaining public schools against the machinations and influence of their enemies and does not oppose any church societies or any man's right to worship God as he sees fit; no organization is antagonized so long as it does not resolve itself into a political faction for the destruction of our public institutions, the abridgement of free speech, a free press and a free ballot. It does not discriminate against foreign-born citizens as such. It not only claims "America for Americans" of native birth, but for "all who will be true Americans, irrespective of race, color, creed, original nationality or previous condition of life." The highest welfare of the national body politic is what the organization is designed to promote. That the order has accomplished a great and good work is widely acknowledged by the majority of loyal citizens of the Republic, who place their country before all foreign powers or interests. Mr. Bowers served for six years as president of the order and

is now a member of the supreme council of the world.

On the 25th of October, 1870, Mr. Bowers married Miss Emma V. Crawford, of Barnesville, Belmont county, Ohio, who died on the 24th of October, 1878, leaving three children: Clyde C., who is engaged in the jewelry business; Homer H.; and Emma V., who became the wife of David Jones and has one child, Henry F. Mr. Bowers has a very fine home, and an extensive library and art collection, having surrounded himself with the creations of man which uplift the thought and add to the beauty and goodness of the world. For thirty-one years he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity; for twenty-eight years he has been identified with the Consistory, having taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite, and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the order, the mutual helpfulness, forbearance and charity. He belongs to the Methodist church and has been a leading factor in the progress of Clinton county. Educational, church and social interests owe their promotion in a considerable degree to him. For forty-four years the county has been his home -years largely devoted to the public good.

JOHN SMITH.

Among the highly esteemed and honored citizens of Clinton is John Smith, who was the first engineer to run a train west of the Mississippi river on the old Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, now the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, the name of his engine being the Clinton. This was in December, 1856. His railroad career was begun previous to this time in the east.

Mr. Smith was born in Middlebury, Vermont, July 5, 1830, and is a son of Adnah and Sophronia (Jones) Smith. The father was a native of Shoreham, that state, and was a blacksmith by trade, which occupation he followed in early life and later served as sheriff of Addison county, Vermont, for nine years. He died at the age of forty-four years, his wife at the age of seventy-six. They were the parents of four children, namely: Edwin, deceased; John, our subject; Charles, a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Sophronia, deceased.

John Smith was reared in the Green Mountain state and educated in its public schools. He was quite young when his father died, and at an early age began earning his own livelihood as a clerk. At the age of fifteen he found employment in Middlebury, Vermont, and later in Burlington, that state. Subsequently he worked as a journeyman in New York state for five years, and in 1854 went to Illinois, where he was employed as fireman on the Fox River Railroad running out of Elgin for seven months, and was then promoted to engineer, being given an engine of early make, known first as the Galena and later as the Dundee. In 1856 he came to Clinton to accept a position on the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad. He was given a Manchester engine, which had been used for track work, being run by a master mechanic, Robert Huffman, for a few days. Our subject's first fireman was Thomas Davis, and his first regular run was from Clinton to DeWitt, making two trips a day, one with a passenger, the other with a freight train. He remained on the road, running on different lines until 1868, when, becoming tired of being on the road, he accepted the position of foreman of the round house at Clinton, which was a fine one for that day

with twenty-five stalls, and remained in charge of the same until his retirement from active labor in 1892. Although he had many narrow escapes he was never injured during his entire railroad career, and is today a well-preserved man, finely built and appearing at least ten years younger than he really is.

In 1852 Mr. Smith wedded Miss Mary E. Latman, of Keeseville, Essex county, New York, who was born in Luzerne, Warren county, that state, and is a daughter of Ira and Besheba (Peacock) Latman. Her father was a large lumber dealer of Keeseville. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Laura Evelyn is now the wife of Nathaniel B. Patterson, one of Clinton's largest insurance and real estate dealers; Herbert, senior member of the firm of Smith & Oats, of Clinton, dealers in coal, cement, wood, etc., and agents for river steamers, married Minnie Fellows, and they have one child, Katherine Helen; and Charles Edwin is a traveling salesman for Curtis Brothers, of Clinton.

On coming to Clinton Mr. Smith built a small frame house in which he and his family lived until he purchased his present fine residence on Fourth avenue, which was erected by John Vosburg. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Legion of Honor, and is held in the highest respect by all who know him.

HON. GEORGE M. CURTIS.

One of the most straightforward, energetic and successful business men that has ever lived in Clinton is the Hon. George M. Curtis, who, in partnership with his brother, founded one of the most important enterprises that has contributed to the commercial

activity and general prosperity of the city. he has been equally prominent in public affairs and has twice been honored with election to the legislative halls of the nation, where his ability as a statesman, as well as his genuine worth of character, gained for him the friendship and high regard of many men of national fame.

Mr. Curtis is a native of Chenango county, New York, born April 1, 1844, and is a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Carpenter) Curtis, who were also natives of the same county. In 1856 his parents left the Empire state, and with their family removed to Illinois, settling in the vicinity of Rochelle, Ogle county. They took up their abode on a farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which the father had purchased, and there he and his sons were actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1866, when they removed to Rocheile. Two years later they came to Clinton, Iowa. There were born to them ten children, three of whom still survive: George M., Charles F. and Cornelius S.

The first twelve years of the life of our subject were spent in his native state, and he then became identified with the great Mississippi valley, where he has since remained. He attended the district schools during the winter months and assisted in the labors of the home farm until sixteen years of age. He then became a student in Mt. Morris Seminary, at Mt. Morris, Illinois, and later he engaged in teaching school through the winter terms, while in the period of seedtime and harvest he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1862, however, he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, securing a clerkship in a store in Rochelle, where he was employed for two years. He afterward engaged in the coal business in Cortland, Illinois, and at Sycamore, in the



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same state, but after two years he sold out, and in April, 1867, came to Clinton, at which time he purchased an interest in the business which his brother was then in, and which had been established the previous year.

Under the firm name of Curtis Brothers & Company the business was conducted until 1881, when it was incorporated under the name of Curtis Brothers & Company. The members of the old firm were C. F. Curtis, G. M. Curtis and J. E. Carpenter, and they became and are still the principal members of the corporation. In thirty-five years the business has grown to be one of the most extensive of its kind in America, only one or two other factories in the entire country equalling it in their annual output. The company carries on a wholesale business in the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds, stairs, stair railings, balustrades, mouldings, lumber, lath and shingles, and employment is furnished to two hundred and fifty to three hundred and twenty-five men throughout the year. Their extensive plant is located on the river bank at Clinton and covers a very wide area. It is equipped with the most modern and improved machinery for turning out first-class work and capable mechanics are employed, so that its output has a reputation for excellence that commands a ready sale on the market.

The stockholders of this company are also the principal stockholders of the Curtis & Yale Company, which has factories at Wausau, Wisconsin, and has branch houses at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Curtis Brothers have branch houses at Lincoln, Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa. These branch houses aid in disposing of the Clinton product, which is shipped over a vast extent of territory.

While first and always a business man, Mr. Curtis has at all times manifested a

lively interest in the political affairs of his state and the nation. He has made a careful study of political matters, and few men in the country are better posted upon national affairs, especially as pertaining to the material welfare of its citizens. His business interests have been such as to require that he know what the effect of legislation would be upon the country at large. He was twice elected to serve his district as a member of congress, and during the two terms his influence was always felt upon the side of right, and for such legislation as would be beneficial to the people generally, and not to any special class.

While in congress Mr. Curtis was a member of the Committee on the District of Columbia, which is one of the most active committees in congress, and much of the time he served as chairman *pro tem* of the committee. From this committee he probably reported and had charge of more bills than any other member during his term of service in the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth congresses. He was especially active in the interests of his city and county, and it was through his influence that the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the government building in the city, and twenty ber of the legislature from his county on the Republican ticket, overcoming the Democratic majority of over 2,000. His plurality being over four hundred, demonstrates his popularity.

Mr. Curtis is a thirty-second-degree Mason, being a member of De Molay Consistory of Lyons, and is recognized as one of the prominent Masons of the state. He is a member of Emulation Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; of Rosecroix Chapter, Scottish Rite, of

which he was master for fifteen years. He is also a member of Holy Cross Commandery, in which he has served as eminent commander.

Few men have been more successful in business than Mr. Curtis, and controlling, as he does, thousands of dollars of capital, his ability to advise what is best for the general welfare should be and is greater than that of an individual whose scope is more limited. He has made good use of his opportunities, and has a remarkable faculty for the conduct and dispatch of business. Courteous, genial, well informed, alert and enterprising, he stands to-day among the leading and representative men of the state.

ROGER G. HENSHEY.

Since 1866 this gentleman has been one of the trusted employes of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, and during all this time has been an honored resident of Clinton. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, July 12, 1851, and is a son of Roger and Ellen (Keefe) Henshey. The father is deceased, but the mother is still living in Boston at the age of seventy years. She has made several visits to her son in Iowa. In the family were three children: Roger G., of this review; and John and William, both jewelers of Boston.

Roger G. Henshey began his education in the public schools of his native city, but in 1858 came west to Fulton, Illinois, to make his home with his grandparents, and completed his education there. His grandfather, who was a farmer by occupation, subsequently removed to Clinton, Iowa, where his death occurred. His wife had previously died in Fulton. Our subject at-

tended school until fifteen years of age, and remained on the farm with his grandparents until he entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway in 1866, when he removed to Clinton.

Mr. Henshey was but sixteen years of age when he went upon the road as fireman on an old wood burner, and two years later was promoted to engineer, being at that time the youngest engineer on the road between Clinton and Belle Plaine. After several years spent in the freight service, he was given a passenger run in 1886, and is now engineer on No. 15, the fast mail. He has met with no serious accidents, and has never failed to draw his pay on every pay day since he entered the employ of the company. He has watched with interest the many changes that have taken place in railroading since he became connected with it. Although he started out in life with no influence to aid him, he has steadily progressed, and has won success in the face of opposing circumstances.

At Clinton, in 1879, Mr. Henshey was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. O'Donnell, who was born in Dundee, Illinois, in 1857, but came to Clinton with her parents during infancy. She was educated in the public schools of this city and at Sacred Heart Convent, Chicago. Some years prior to his marriage Mr. Henshey purchased the lot on which his home now stands, and in 1880 erected thereon a comfortable residence. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church, and he is also a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and Clinton Division, No. 125, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, with which he has been connected since attaining his majority, and in which he has held office. He is very popular in railroad circles, and is a man highly respected and

esteemed by all who know him. He is a lover of good literature and by careful reading has become an exceedingly well informed man.

JAMES PETERSON.

Among the wide-awake and energetic business men of Clinton is numbered James Peterson, of the firm of Peterson, Bell & Company. He has made for himself an enviable reputation in business circles, and occupies a position of no little prominence in connection with the political affairs of the city. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in North Schleswig, then a part of Denmark, but now a province of Germany, October 20, 1853, a son of H. G. and M. N. Peterson, and was reared and educated in his native land.

With the hope of bettering his financial condition, Mr. Peterson came to America at the age of seventeen years, and first located in Columbus, Ohio, where he remained only a short time, however. He then removed to Sabula, Iowa, where he was first employed as a laborer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and then engaged in farming for a time. In 1873 he came to Clinton and entered the employ of C. Lamb & Sons, with whom he remained nineteen years, being yard superintendent for that firm for fifteen or sixteen years.

In 1892 Mr. Peterson formed a partnership with Charles F. Bell, under the firm name of Peterson, Bell & Company, and embarked in the manufacture of packing boxes and crates at their present location on Franklin avenue and the tracks of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, which property they purchased from market gardeners. Their first building was

only sixty by ninety feet, but they now have a floor space of over fifteen thousand feet, and the number of men employed by them has been increased from fifteen to eighty-five, so rapidly has their business grown. It amounted to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars during the year 1900, when they shipped six hundred carloads of boxes and crates. Their goods are all sold by the carload and their patronage comes from a wide extent of territory. They sell principally to packing houses and manufacture soap boxes, crates for sewing machines, melons, etc. Their factory is equipped with all the latest improved machinery needed in their line, and they carry from one to four million feet of lumber in stock. The company was incorporated in 1896, with Mr. Peterson as president, and they have their office adjoining the factory on Franklin avenue.

Mr. Peterson was married in 1873 to Miss Catherine M. Smith, of Clinton, and to them have been born four children, namely: John C., now foreman in the box factory; Albert F., an employe of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; Minnie B.; and James G.

As a Republican, Mr. Peterson takes quite an active and influential part in national, state and local politics, and always attends the county and state conventions of his party. He has always taken great interest in what is now known as the fifth ward of Clinton. When years ago that part of the city was a corporation by itself and called Riverside, he served a number of terms as alderman and also as mayor one term, and for a number of years filled the office of school director, in which capacity he was instrumental in building what is known as the Longfellow school that was erected in 1883 and is to-day one of the finest common school buildings in Clinton. It is

surrounded by a beautiful lawn and shade trees, which were planted by Chancy Lamb and today stand as a monument to his memory. Mr. Peterson is at present efficiently serving as alderman of the fifth ward and as a member of the school board. Socially he is a member of the Clinton Commercial Club and a director of the same, and is also a member of the Wapsipinicon Club, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of Clinton who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name.

WILLIAM H. TALBOT.

The prosperity of any community depends upon its business activity and the enterprise manifest in commercial circles is the foundation upon which is builded the material welfare of town, state and nation. The most important factors in public life at the present day are therefore the men who are in control of successful business interest and such a one is William H. Talbot, a prominent merchant and banker of DeWitt.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Harrison county, on the 6th of December, 1835, and belongs to a family of English origin, which was founded in Maryland at an early day. His father, Isaac Talbot, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, and on reaching manhood he was there married to Miss Ruth Hazlett, a native of the same county. Subsequently they removed to Harrison county, Ohio, where he was engaged in business up to the time of his death. He died in the prime of life,

about 1847, aged forty-six years. His wife survived him and reared their family of three children, two having died previously.

William H. Talbot spent the first twelve years of his life in his native county, and then accompanied the family on their removal to Belmont county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He received his primary education in the common schools, and later attended the high school at St. Clairsville, that county. When a young man he went to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he learned the tinner's trade, which he continued to follow at that place for about five years.

Coming west in 1857, Mr. Talbot located at DeWitt, Iowa, where he first worked at his trade in the employ of others, but the following year embarked in the hardware and tin business on his own account. He began in a small way, but kept adding to his stock from time to time to meet the growing demands of his trade, and now carries a large and complete assortment of shelf and heavy hardware. He was one of the first stockholders of the First National Bank, which he helped to organize, and later became one of its directors. In January, 1897, he was elected president of the institution and is now filling that position in a most efficient and satisfactory manner. The bank, which is one of the most substantial financial concerns of the county, was started with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, and now has a surplus of twenty-five thousand. Mr. Talbot also helped organize the Farmers & Citizens Savings Bank, of which he was the first president; he also helped to organize the electric light plant, of which he is a stockholder and director.

In June, 1863, at DeWitt, Mr. Talbot was united in marriage with Miss Helen Bissell, who was born and reared in that village, being a daughter of A. R. Bissell, one

of its early settlers. Her father was engaged in both farming and merchandising.

Mr. Talbot has been a life-long Republican, having supported every presidential candidate of that party since casting his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, but he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. However, he served as councilman in DeWitt for a time. He is a Scottish-Rite Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree in that order, and is a member of the blue lodge at DeWitt, the chapter and commandery at Clinton, and the consistory at Lyons. He has passed through all the chairs of the local lodge. For forty-four years he has been a resident of this county, and has therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development. As a public-spirited and enterprising citizen he has materially aided in the upbuilding and improvement of DeWitt, and has been prominently identified with all enterprises tending to advance her interests or promote the prosperity of the people.

CHARLES J. DANNATT.

During his early years the subject of this sketch was actively identified with the agricultural interests of this county, where he has spent his entire life, but is now living retired in Clinton. He was born in Camanche township, on the 3d of July, 1856, and is a son of John Dannatt, whose birth occurred in Lincolnshire, England, in 1812. In his native land the father married Miss Mary J. Berkenshaw, and in 1852 they sailed for America. Subsequently our subject's paternal grandparents, Robert and Elizabeth (Bowers) Dannatt, also came to the new

world, where the former lived retired until he passed away at the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife died in the fall of 1856. Having an uncle already living in Clinton county, Iowa, John Dannatt located here on coming to this country, and took up a half section of wild land in Center township, a portion of which is still owned by our subject. In 1855 the father bought one hundred and sixty acres on section fourteen, in Camanche township, on which a very few improvements had been made by Mr. Rochford. Upon that place Mr. Dannatt erected a good brick house, which was destroyed by fire in 1871, but was soon rebuilt and is still standing. In connection with general farming he engaged in stock raising, keeping from seventy-five to one hundred head of a fine grade of cattle upon his farm, and in his business affairs met with wonderful success, being one of the most substantial as well as one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. He died on the 6th of April, 1873, at the age of sixty-one years, and his wife passed away in 1886, at the age of seventy. Of the nine children born to them, three died in infancy, the others being Emily Hannath, Charlotte Maria, Edwin John, Robert, William, Marian, Charles J. and Thomas. All the children are deceased with the exception of Emily, Charlotte, Marian and our subject. The father was one of a large family, of whom Benjamin, Thomas and Betsy reached maturity, and were the only members of the family to come to America, while the others remained in England.

Charles J. Dannatt passed the days of his boyhood and youth upon the home farm and early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits, while at the same time he gained a good practical education in the schools of the neighborhood. On the

death of his father he succeeded to the farm, and in its successful management showed that he was a man of good business and executive ability, who thoroughly understood the occupation which he followed. At the age of thirty-three he rented his farms and removed to Camanche and in the spring of 1895 removed to Clinton, where he has since made his home, his sister, Charlotte Maria, living with him. He now owns considerable property in that city besides his valuable farm land. At the time of the terrible cyclone in 1860, which swept away the town of Camanche and killed so many people, our subject's grandfather, Robert, was in the kitchen part of his house and was somewhat bruised, while the main building, which was of brick, was entirely destroyed, together with his barns and other outbuildings. He is public-spirited and enterprising and takes an active interest in the progress of his county, but has never been prevailed upon to accept office, but he supports the Republican party. In religious faith he is a Baptist.

LORENZO S. HASTINGS.

For over a third of a century this gentleman was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clinton county, and still owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres two miles from DeWitt, but he is now living retired in that village, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was born in Steuben county, Indiana, January 18, 1848, a son of Sanford H. and Eunice (Murray) Hastings. The father was a native of Vermont and an early settler of Steuben county, Indiana, where he followed farming many years, but he finally came to Iowa in 1865 and located in Clinton county. He bought a farm near DeWitt and devoted his time and

attention to its operation for several years, but spent the last fifteen years of his life in retirement from active labor in DeWitt, where he owned a comfortable residence. There he died in December, 1898. His wife survived him only about a month, dying in January, 1899. Of the three children born to this worthy couple, Lorenzo S. is second in order of birth. The oldest, Maria, grew up and married but is now deceased. Edson M., the youngest, is now a resident of Roswell, New Mexico.

Lorenzo S. Hastings was seventeen years of age when he came with the family to Iowa, and has since made his home in this county. He had good school privileges and completed his education at the Orland Academy. During his minority he gave his father the benefit of his labors, and engaged in the operation of the old home farm for several years after his marriage.

On the 19th of November, 1869, Mr. Hastings wedded Miss Eliza J. Robinson, who was born in Indiana, but was reared in this county, having come to Iowa with her father, J. M. Robinson, when quite young. They have two children, namely: Eva M., who is now the wife of Warren Walrod, a farmer of this county, and has two children, Harold and Hazel; and Earl L., who is married and is now engaged in farming and the raising of fine stock on his father's farm.

On leaving the old homestead Mr. Hastings bought a farm, which he operated several years, but later sold that place and purchased the farm which he now owns. In connection with farming he was also engaged in raising and breeding pure blooded short horn, Cruickshank and polled Durham cattle, which he had on exhibition at the county fairs for many years and on which he won many premiums. In 1899 he

rented his farm and removed to DeWitt, where he has since lived a retired life. He bought a lot and erected thereon a very pleasant residence.

In religious faith Mr. Hastings is a Congregationalist and holds membership in the church at DeWitt, while in political sentiment he is a staunch Republican, having been identified with that party since casting his first presidential ballot for General U. S. Grant in 1872. He has long been connected with the fair association; has been one of its directors for twelve years; and has borne a very important part in making it a success. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him, and has done much toward the upbuilding and advancement of his adopted county.

HERMAN E. WILLS.

There is probably no more popular engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway than Herman E. Wills, of Clinton. He was born in Randolph, Orange county, Vermont, July 16, 1848, and comes of good old New England stock. His father, Ezra Wills, was a native of the same county, born in Tunbridge, October 1, 1808, and was a son of Jonathan Wills, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war on special duty under General Lafayette. His paternal ancestors were from England and were among the early settlers of Connecticut.

On the 27th of December, 1827, Ezra Wills was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hibbard, who was born in East Brookfield, Vermont, October 24, 1809, and was quite well educated for those early days. She belonged to one of the very best families of the east, and was a cousin of General Hovey, deceased, who was a prominent

statesman of Indiana. Her ancestors were also of English descent, and came to this country with Governor Winthrop March 16, 1635, settling in Salem, Massachusetts. Throughout life the father of our subject engaged in contracting and building. He was a self-made man and was always doing something for those around him, often to the neglect of his own welfare. He was a very prominent Mason and advanced to the council of the order at South Royalton, and he also belonged to the Sons of Temperance. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He died at his old home in South Royalton, Vermont, June 30, 1889, honored and respected by all who knew him. The mother of our subject has long since passed away, her death occurring May 27, 1859, and her remains were interred on the old home place in the Green Mountain state. Her people were all religiously inclined, and many of her ancestors were either ministers or great church workers.

Unto Ezra and Mary (Hibbard) Wills were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy. The others were as follows: William W., who served through the Civil war as a member of a Wisconsin regiment, is now living in Janesville, that state, at the age of seventy-two years, and is the owner of a machine shop there. George W., a retired engineer of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, was also in the Union army as a member of a Massachusetts regiment, and is now living in Eagle Grove, Iowa, at the age of sixty-seven years. Porter B., who is employed as engine inspector for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was formerly a passenger engineer on that road, and was in the service of his country during the Civil war. He has now reached the age of sixty-two years.

Thomas P., aged fifty-eight, served in a Massachusetts regiment during the Rebellion, and is now a pattern maker of North Andover, Massachusetts. Herman E., our subject, is the youngest son. Mrs. A. A. Currier, the oldest daughter, is also a resident of North Andover, Massachusetts, and is now sixty-nine years of age. Mrs. George Hutchins, aged fifty-eight years, makes her home in Pittsfield, Vermont, and Mrs. William Halliday, aged forty seven, lives in North Andover, Massachusetts. They were all educated in the schools of Vermont, and the older ones were given every possible advantage along that line.

Herman E. Wills was only ten years of age at the time of his mother's death, and he then made his home with a neighbor for five years while earning his own livelihood. At the age of fifteen he went to Massachusetts, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until coming to Clinton, Iowa, in 1866, and entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, as fireman, but was promoted to engineer in 1868. Leaving the road in 1873 he went to Cedar Rapids, and for the following five years was employed as engineer by the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. On his return to Clinton in 1879, he accepted his old position, and has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway continuously since. After four months' service with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad he was given a passenger train, and when he returned to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, he was engineer on the work train constructing new lines for about six years and on the pay car for two years, but has been in the passenger service for the past twelve years. He has never met with any serious accidents, and is considered one of the most trustwor-

thy engineers on the road. Four of the five sons in his father's family have been connected with the mechanical department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, three as engineers and one as a machinist for the aggregate period of one hundred and eight years, and all are in perfect physical condition. Mr. Wills has always been thoroughly devoted to any task he has undertaken and has proved a most competent and faithful employee. His education has mainly been received through contact with the realities of the world, as he has met them and by reading good literature.

In 1869 Mr. Wills was made a Mason at Clinton in the building he now occupies, and is today a member of the blue lodge, chapter, commandery, shrine and consistory. He is also a prominent member of Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., and was for many years its chief up to 1900. He has always taken a very active and influential part in its conventions, and has served as chairman of the division of engineers in his locality. He is well known in political circles throughout the state as an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and its principles and has been a candidate on the state ticket for railroad commissioner. He takes a just pride in his work for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and does all in his power to advance the interests of the order.

COLONEL MILO SMITH.

More than forty-six years have passed since Colonel Smith arrived in Iowa, and he is justly numbered among her honored pioneers and leading citizens. He has been prominently identified with her business interests as a railroad builder and as a factor in the control of many enterprises which



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have contributed in large measure to the welfare and prosperity of the communities in which they have been located, as well as to his individual success. His is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. For four score years he has traveled the journey of life, and although the snows of many winters have whitened his hair he has the vigor of a much younger man and in spirit and interest seems yet in his prime. Old age is not necessarily a synonym of weakness or inactivity. It need not suggest, as a matter of course, want of occupation or helplessness. There is an old age that is a benediction to all that comes in contact with it, that gives out of its rich stores of learning and experience and grows stronger intellectually as the years pass. Such is the life of Colonel Smith, an encouragement to his associates and an example well worthy of emulation to the young.

Milo Smith, now a resident of Clinton, was born in Shoreham township, Addison county, Vermont, January 25, 1819, a son of James Smith and a grandson of John Smith, who was a native of Massachusetts and a hatter by trade. He fought in the Revolutionary war at Bunker Hill and in consideration of his services in the war for independence received the tract of land on which our subject was born. He also bought a large tract there, took up his abode thereon, cleared the place and carried on agricultural pursuits. His death occurred when he was about eighty years of age. He married the daughter of a Revolutionary colonel, and her death occurred when she was ninety-two years of age. She was a pensioner of the government. They battled with the Indians in their pioneer home, and wild animals were a constant menace. All of their

children with one exception reached the age of eighty-five years, namely: John, James and William, twins, Samuel, Josiah, Mrs. Betsey Callender, Mrs. Sarah Callender, Mrs. Polly Chipman, Mrs. Eunice Higley.

James Smith, the father of our subject, and his brother William, obtained a grant of land and deed thereto in 1801, and later the father purchased the brother's interest, and made his home thereon throughout his remaining days. It now belongs to one of his nephews. The original house is still standing, being used as a wood-shed and cheese house. The second residence erected is a very fine one. James Smith married Sarah Cochran, of New Hampshire, and his death occurred at the age of eighty-five years, while his wife passed away at the age of eighty-six. Their children who reached mature years were: James, William, Joseph, Milo, and Eliza, the wife of Captain E. Esterbrook. The father of this family served in the war of 1812, participating in the battle of Plattsburg.

Colonel Smith, of this review, was reared upon the home farm and attended the public schools, after which he entered Newton Academy, at Shoreham, Vermont. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and three years later went to Rochester, New York. In 1840 he made his way westward to Chicago, Illinois, and through the three succeeding winters engaged in educational work in the schools of Belvidere, Illinois, while in the summer he engaged in the operation of a farm which he had purchased while serving as county surveyor. In 1848, when the first railroad enterprise was originated west of Chicago, he accepted the contract to make the survey and run the compass line on the old Elgin State Line Railroad, known as the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad. In 1852 he was appointed chief en-

gineer and superintendent of the Elgin State Line Railroad. In 1855 he came to Iowa and was made chief engineer and superintendent of the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, now the Chicago & Northwestern line. In this position his ability as a financier and his skill as an engineer were severely taxed, but stood the test splendidly. During the financial panic of 1855-6 Colonel Smith carried the company successfully through the financial crisis and to facilitate transportation and utilize the entire line already completed he built a bridge across the east half of the Mississippi river and at the same time constructed a boat transfer to convey loaded cars over the west half, thus enabling the road to continue its business with uninterrupted connection with the west. In 1852 he surveyed the Elgin State Line Railroad and completed it in 1855.

When Colonel Smith came to Clinton, in 1855, the city of Clinton did not exist and not an inhabitant was on the place and he saw the first shanty in which a meal could be served, erected in front of the present Milwaukee freight depot. He continued his work of railroad construction and has thus been largely instrumental in opening up the great section of the west for improvement, for the railroad is ever the avant courier of civilization. Through the next decade the country was aroused over the slavery question and the attitude of the south toward the Union. At length the war cloud burst, and in 1862 Mr. Smith was commissioned by Governor Kirkwood to take command of the Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry as colonel, and thus served until February, 1865. He was twice seriously wounded, but though his injuries were quite alarming his strong constitution enabled him soon to rally and again engage in active duty. His regiment formed

a part of the First Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, and continued in service until the close of the war. He was with General Sherman in his movements in and around Vicksburg and Atlanta and on the memorable march to the sea. For eight months he was in command of the First Brigade of the First Division of the Fifteenth Corps and his distinguished service won high encomiums from his brother officers and the government officials. He possessed superior military ability combined with marked modesty of character. He has been prominent and foremost in all civil enterprises and equally so in military undertakings, and he led his men in many a gallant charge and action, his own bravery inspiring them to deeds of valor. "He jests at scars who never felt a wound," but to most people they are the badge of honor, the mark of courage, and those which Colonel Smith bears are certainly of this character.

Since the war the Colonel has been connected with furthering many railroad enterprises and has been an active factor in the upbuilding of Clinton, his adopted city. In his career he has manifested great energy, foresight and thoroughness of his ability to overcome obstacles is proverbial. From the moment that he becomes connected with an enterprise which before has been regarded as a chimera or at least of doubtful expediency, it takes on a practical guise, assumes the elements of good working conditions and other men then give it their support. The Colonel has always declined official preferment, although he could undoubtedly have won high honors in this regard had he so desired. He has preferred to faithfully perform his duties as a private citizen, aiding his country in other ways than through the avenue of office. Although he is now practically living retired in Clin-

ton, he is yet financially interested in many enterprises. He has served as vice-president of the Clinton National Bank and is now a director of the City National Bank, also owns considerable property and a fine residence in Clinton, and at one time he conducted the Revere Hotel, which he still owns.

In 1887 a commission of five men were appointed by the governor to take charge of the Soldiers' Home, then being constructed at Marshalltown, Iowa. These men, unknown to our subject, elected him superintendent, which position he filled for five years and then resigned.

Colonel Smith was first married, in 1847, when Miss Mary J. Dodge, of Shirley, Massachusetts, became his wife. They had one child, George W. While on their way west, in 1853, as passengers on the Atlantic, the steamer collided with the propeller, Ogdensburg, and was sunk, Mrs. Smith, their only child and Mrs. Smith's sister all being drowned. In 1854 the Colonel wedded Miss Dernis E. Oatman, of Geneva, New York, who died in 1868, and in 1869 he married Mrs. Charlotte Baker, who bore the maiden name of Charlotte Caruthers, and was the widow of Colonel James Baker, who was killed at Shiloh. She was a native of Virginia. After her demise Colonel Smith married Mrs. Lucius Walker, *nec* Emeline Gardner, and by Mr. Walker she had three children: Gardner, Lucius and Mrs. Alice Stone.

With the old army comrades the Colonel retains pleasant relations through his membership in General N. B. Baker Post, G. A. R., of which he served as the first commander and since that time has filled the office three times. He is emphatically a self-made man and in him is personified the genius and adaptability of America—elements that

have led to the wonderful development of this land. Bold, progressive and successful in his undertakings, by his superior ability and indefatigable industry he has secured wealth and at the same time has maintained a high reputation for integrity and benevolence.

THOMAS R. LEA.

Thomas R. Lea, who for thirty-three years has been a resident of Clinton, was born in Birmingham, England, December 11, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Morton) Lea, both natives of England. The family came to America in 1868 and settled in Clinton, Iowa, where the father followed milling until his death, which occurred in the fall of 1899, when he was seventy-six years of age. His wife died while on a visit to the scenes of her early childhood in England. They were the parents of the following four children: William H., who is working in a mill in Clinton; Thomas R., the subject of this sketch; Fred, a farmer living in Bellevue, Nebraska; Fred, Morton, an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and a resident of Chicago. These children all received their education in the schools of Clinton.

In 1880 our subject, upon leaving school, went to work for the railroad company as brakeman, and this position he filled with credit for eighteen months. He was fireman on an engine for about five years and was then promoted to engineer. He made his first trip in that capacity September 17, 1887, and since that time has been running fast freights and extra passenger trains between Clinton and Boone. His number as an employe of the railway company is 106.

In 1881 Mr. Lea was united in mar-

riage with Miss Georgia Cone, who is a native of this county, born in 1862, and daughter of Frederick and Emma (Roberts) Cone. The parents of the latter came to Clinton county in 1838 and entered land from the government and became quite wealthy. The year of their emigration to this state was one in which many Indians were passing back and forth through his district, and the Roberts homestead was many times their stopping place. Mrs. Cone was born in 1841, the second white child born in this county, in a house at the end of Fifth avenue, and is still living. Mr. Cone was a native of Connecticut, and before coming to Iowa lived for a time in Ohio. Mr. Cone passed away in 1894, mourned by all who knew him and leaving his wife and children. Besides his wife, Mr. Cone left surviving him the following five children: Mrs. Sadie Pierson, a resident of Clinton; Mrs. Lea, wife of our subject; Charles, a conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, running between Chicago and Clinton; Carl, manager of a machine shop in Clinton; and Minnie, who lives with Mr. Lea, and is a stenographer in the People's Bank. To Mr. and Mrs. Lea have been born two children: Fred C., born in 1883, who took a thorough business course in Clinton College; and Mabel E., born in 1886, who is attending high school.

In 1894 Mr. Lea purchased the old Cone homestead, which is finely situated in the town of Clinton and has every modern convenience. He has held the position of engineer on the Northwestern Railway for many years, and by his ability and faithfulness to duty has won for himself a high place in the estimation of his employers. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 125.

WILLIAM LAKE.

After a very busy and useful life, in which he has won for himself a comfortable competence and an honored name, William Lake is now living retired in the city of Clinton. He is a native of England, born in Treluck, Monmouthshire, July 30, 1826, and is a son of John and Flora Margaret (Pontifex) Lake, who spent their entire lives in that country, where the former died at the age of sixty-one, the latter at the age of sixty-seven. By occupation the father was a grocer and farmer.

Our subject, who is one of a family of six children, was reared and educated in his native land, and was twenty-two years of age when he crossed the ocean and took up his residence in Elgin, Illinois, where he was first engaged in farming, and then accepted the position of fireman on the Fox River Railroad with John Smith as engineer on the Galena—an engine which was made at the Norris Iron Works in Philadelphia.

On the 9th of March, 1857, Mr. Lake came to Clinton, Iowa, as engineer on the construction train, building the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, now the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. A year and a half later he went south to Memphis, Tennessee, where, under General Joseph E. Johnson, he assisted in surveying for fortifications preparatory for the Civil war, and remained there about a year. He then returned to Clinton, and with Darwin Parsons built a flouring mill near the site of the present Farmer's Mill, it being the second mill erected here, but a year later he sold his interest in the enterprise to Chancy Lamb and entered the railroad shops as a mechanic, being thus employed for five years. During the following year he was

employed as engineer on the steam ferry boats carrying cars across the river.

Mr. Lake next went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and entered the employ of the government as an engineer and mechanic, and while there had charge of rebuilding the engine "General," under General Sherman, who had captured it from the Rebels. This engine had quite a history and figured in one of the most exciting episodes of the Civil war. Captain Foster, a Union scout, together with eighty men, were one hundred miles inside the rebel lines, dressed in civilian clothes, and one day arrived at Big Shanty, a station on the Chattanooga & Atlanta road, and while the passengers and crew of a waiting train, to which was attached the engine "General," were eating breakfast, Captain Foster and his men made a dash, captured the train and started for the Union lines. The train crew came out, got a handcar and followed it about five miles, when they got a construction train, took on some rebel soldiers and gave chase, and when within a few miles of the Union lines they overhauled Captain Foster, and in an engagement shot most of his men, captured Captain Foster and sixteen men, took them back to headquarters, where they were all hung as spies.

At the close of the war Mr. Lake returned to Clinton and again entered the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad shops as a mechanic, remaining there until 1871, when he took up the study of law under E. C. Foster and was admitted to the bar the following year. For several years he was successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, but of later years has devoted his attention principally to dealing in grain and stock as a speculator, and in this he has also prospered. He has built his own and several other residences in the

city, some of which he has sold, and in 1894 he also erected a fine double residence.

Mr. Lake was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Meredith, also a native of Monmouthshire, England, and a daughter of James and Paulina Meredith. She died in 1897, at the age of seventy-three years. Eight children were born to this union, but five died in infancy, the others being William, an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad; John, deceased; and Eleanor Elizabeth.

Mr. Lake has twice visited his native land, the first time in 1867, when his mother was still living, though his father was dead, and again in 1871. He is a member of the Baptist church and a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to all of the Masonic bodies, including the blue lodge, chapter, commandery, Mystic Shrine and consistory. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to fill several political positions of honor and trust. While engaged in the practice of law he has served for seven years as justice of the peace, and he has also been a member of the city council four years and county supervisor six years. In 1880 he was elected to the legislature and most ably represented his district in that body, serving as a member of several important committees.

COLONEL WILLIAM G. CUMMINGS.

Among the brave men who devoted the opening years of their manhood to the defense of our country from the internal foes who sought her dismemberment was Colonel William G. Cummings, who was a dis-

tinguished officer in the Army of the Potomac, and is now one of the honored citizens of Clinton, Iowa. He was born in Danville, Vermont, March 3, 1839, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Morse) Cummings, the former a native of Plymouth, New Hampshire, the latter of Danville, Vermont, and a representative of an old New England family. His paternal ancestors were of Scotch-Irish descent, the progenitor of the family in America having come from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1719. The Colonel's father spent his life in the Green Mountain state after attaining the age of twelve years. He was born in 1803, and died in 1891, while his wife was born in 1808 and died in 1896. They were the parents of five children, namely: George, deceased; Martha, wife of George Pettingill, of Danville, Vermont; William G., our subject; Maria, deceased; and L. J., who lives with our subject in Clinton, Iowa.

Colonel Cummings spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native town, and was educated at Phillips Academy, of that place, and Dartmouth College, where he was a student when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted as a private in Company D, First Vermont Cavalry, September 16, 1861, but on the 15th of the following October was commissioned second lieutenant, and was later promoted in the following manner: to first lieutenant, October 30, 1862; captain, June 1, 1863; major, October 22, 1864; lieutenant-colonel, March 23, 1865; brevet colonel of United States Volunteers, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service; and commissioned colonel, June 25, 1865, but never mustered.

With his regiment the Colonel left his native state for Washington, D. C., December 12, 1861, and on Christmas Day was transferred to Annapolis, where they were

on duty until March, 1862, when they were attached to Hatches Cavalry Brigade, Banks Fifth Corps, Department of the Shenandoah, but the following June they were transferred to the Second Army Corps of Virginia, and in September became a part of Price's Cavalry Brigade, Twenty-second Corps, in the defense of Washington. In April, 1863, they were transferred to the Third Brigade, Stahl's cavalry, the same corps, in June of that year to the Second Brigade, Second Division Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, with which they were connected until June, 1865.

Colonel Cummings went with his command to Washington, March 9, and later participated in the following engagements: Mount Jackson, April 16, 1862; McGaheysville, April 27; Middletown, May 24; Winchester, May 25; Long Court House, June 30; Culpeper Court House, July 10; Kelly's Ford, August 22; Waterloo Bridge, August 20; Bull Run, August 30; Ashby's Gap, September 22; Anandale, December, 25; Aldie, March 2, 1862; Broad Run, April 1; Greenwich, May 30; Warrenton, June 18, the above all being in Virginia; Hanover, Pennsylvania, June 30; Hantertown, July 2; Gettysburg, July 3; Monterey, July 4; and Leitersville, July 5; Hagerstown, Maryland, July 6; Boonsboro, July 8; Hagerstown, July 13; Falling Water, Virginia, July 14; Summerville Ford, September 14; Raccoon Ford, September 15; James City, October 10; Brandy Station, October 11; Gainesville, October 18 and 19; Bucklands Mills, October 19; Falmouth, November 4; Morton's Ford, November 28; Mechanicsville, March 1, 1864; Piping Tree, March 8; Craig's Meeting House, May 5; Spottsylvania, May 8; Yellow Tavern, May 11; Meadow Bridge, May 12; Hanover Court House, May 31; Ashland, June

1; Hans' Shop, June 3; Bottoms Bridge, June 10; White Oak Swamp, June 13; Riddle's Shop, June 13; Malvern Hill, June 15; Ream's Station, June 22; Nottoway Court House, June 23; Roanoke Station, June 25; Stony Creek, June 28; Fishers Hill, September 24; Waynesboro, October 1; Columbia Furnace, October 7; Tom's Brook, October 9; Cedar Creek, October 13; Cedar Creek, October 19; Middle Road, November 11 and 12; Lacey Springs, December 21; Five Forks, April 1; Scott's Corner, April 2; Namozine Creek, April 2; Namozine Church, April 3; Sailor's Creek, April 6; Appomattox Station, April 8; and Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865, all of Virginia.

Colonel Cummings was wounded at Ream's Station, June 28, 1864, by a minie ball, which disabled him about two months, the ball entering just below the left temple at the articulation of the jaw, and coming out on the right cheek. He returned to his command before the wound had entirely healed, so anxious was he to be at the front. He had four horses shot from under him, the first at Town's Hill, another at Cedar Creek, the third at Namozine Church, and one at Appomattox the night before Lee's surrender. At Five Forks he was knocked from the horse by the concussion of a ball which just escaped him, passing through his open lips cutting each so they bled. He was taken prisoner at Anandale, Virginia, December 25, 1862, and was confined in Libby prison, Richmond, until exchanged May 5, 1863, just in time to start on the Gettysburg campaign. The following is a letter written by General Custer after the expiration of his first term of enlistment, showing how highly he was appreciated by his fellow officers:

HEADQUARTERS THIRD DIVISION,

November 16, 1864.

Captain Cummings, Commanding First Vermont Cavalry:

Having learned that it was your intention to retire from the service in which you have so long and honorably engaged I desire to express to you my high appreciation of the able and faithful manner in which you have invariably discharged your duties as a gallant officer and as an obedient soldier.

Having been connected with my command for a period dating back to the Gettysburg campaign, and having participated in most, if not all, of the important engagements in which our cavalry won such high and imperishable fame, I am well prepared to assert that few, if any, officers can boast of a more extended experience in cavalry service than has fallen to your lot. I regret that you should deem it necessary to leave the service, and I also regret the circumstances which deprive my command of your efficient service.

Your gallantry and ability as shown upon scores of battlefields have clearly proven you worthy and deserving of promotion. I would be pleased to see you promoted to a field office, and I trust your retirement from service will be but temporary. In the meanwhile let me assure you that wherever you may go you carry with you my earnest and heartfelt wishes for your success and advancement. I am,

Truly yours,

G. A. CUSTER,

Brevt. Maj. Gen. U. S. Vols.

Colonel Cummings was mustered out of service August 9, 1865, and returned to his old home in Danville, Vermont, but later

went south and engaged in the lumber business in North Carolina for one year, after which he returned to New England, and held a position in the United States custom house at Island Pond, Vermont, until 1870. He then came west, and the following ten years were passed in Burlington, Iowa, where he was extensively engaged in the coal business. After that he made his home in Cedar Rapids until 1893, where he was engaged in the same business when he removed to Clinton, and has since engaged in the coal and ice business at this place.

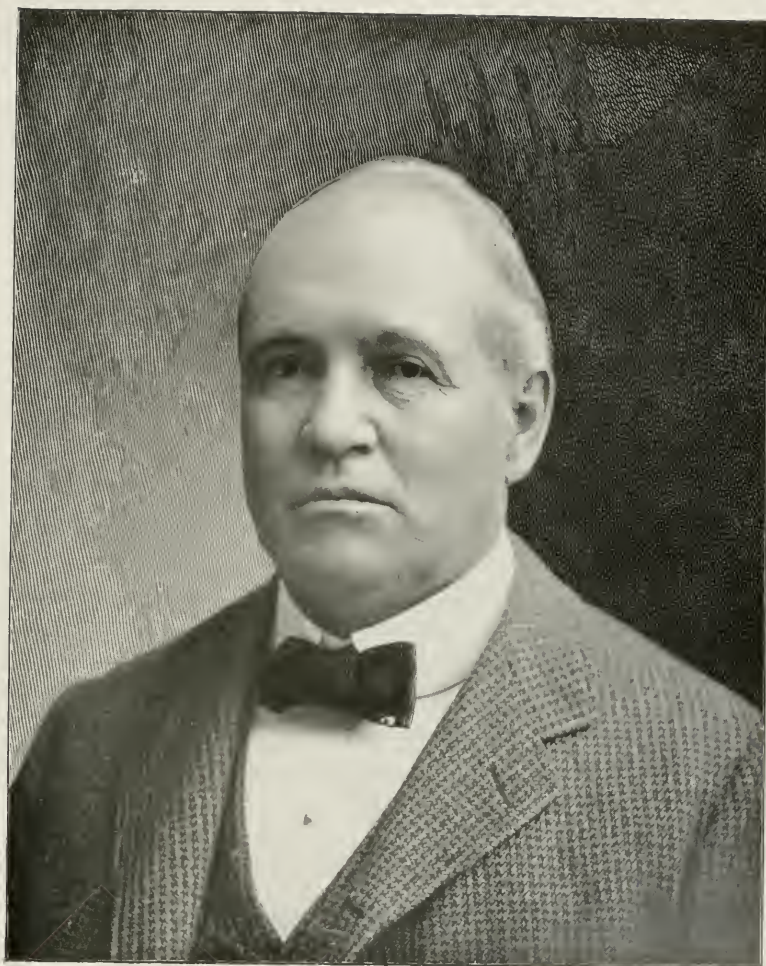
In 1870 Colonel Cummings was united in marriage with Miss Cora Pinney, a daughter of Henry and Corrilla (Nelson) Pinney, both natives of Vermont. By this union was born one child, Isabella E., now Mrs. Henry C. Haskell, of Kansas City, Missouri. The Colonel is an honored member of the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic and the National Veterans' Union, and also belongs to Emulation Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. In years of peace, no less than those of war, he has always faithfully performed his duties of citizenship, and is justly entitled to a place on the nation's roll of honor.

ARTEMUS LAMB.

No family name has been more closely connected with the history of Clinton in any period of its growth and development than that of Lamb and the important part which Artemus Lamb had in the business and social life and in all that contributed to the welfare of the community makes his record an integral part of the annals of the city. He

was born in Bradford, Steuben county, New York, September 11, 1840, and represented an old and prominent New England family, tracing his ancestry in direct line back to Thomas Lamb, who came from England to the new world in company with Governor Winthrop in 1630. On the maternal side he was descended from the French Huguenots who settled in Ulster county, New York, before the Revolutionary war. His parents were Chancy and Jane (Bevier) Lamb, the former the founder of the great lumber business which has since been carried on and which has grown to be one of the most important industries in eastern Iowa. Three children of their family still survive and are residents of Clinton: Lafayette, Mrs. Augusta Ware and Mrs. W. E. Young.

During his early boyhood Artemus Lamb was taken by his parents to Carroll county, Illinois, and his youth was there passed on a farm until sixteen years of age. In 1856 his father began the manufacture of lumber in Clinton, Iowa, a business with which he was familiar, for prior to this time he had spent several years in the conduct of a saw-mill in New York and Pennsylvania. Artemus began to assist his father in the new enterprise, the family removing to Clinton, where our subject made his home up to the time of his death. The business steadily grew in volume and importance. It was the era of the wonderful development of the lumber industry in the Mississippi valley and the enterprise established by Chancy Lamb kept pace with the general progress. The son mastered the business both in principle and detail, and more and more the management of the great enterprise devolved upon him. In 1865 his father admitted him to a partnership in the business, and another change occurred in the firm when, in 1873, the younger



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brother, Lafayette Lamb, also became a partner. Five years afterward the business was incorporated under the style of C. Lamb & Sons, which name has since been retained, although the founder passed away in July, 1897. After the incorporation Artemus Lamb had a growing responsibility in the management of the business of the house, and at his father's death became the senior member and executive officer of the company, although his office as that of secretary and treasurer.

The growth of the business of C. Lamb & Sons as well as the magnitude and diversity of Mr. Lamb's interests may be understood from the following list of official positions held by him. Aside from his office in the company of C. Lamb & Sons, he was president of the Shell Lake Lumber Company, of Shell Lake, Wisconsin; vice-president of the Mississippi River Lumber Company Minneapolis, Minnesota; vice-president of the Mississippi River Logging Company of Chippewa Falls; director in the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company, of Chippewa Falls; also the White River Lumber Company, of Mason, Wisconsin; the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, of Washington; the Coast Lumber Company, of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Fish Brothers Wagon Company, of Clinton, Iowa; president of the Crescent Spring Railroad Company, of Wisconsin; president of the People's Trust & Savings Bank, of Clinton; president of the Lumbermen's Bank, of Shell Lake, Wisconsin; director in the City National Bank, of Clinton; president of the Iowa Packing & Provision Company, of Clinton; secretary and treasurer of the Clinton Gas Light & Coke Company, of Clinton; and trustee of the Agatha Hospital, of Clinton. He was also a stockholder in the Northern Lumber Company, of Cloquet, Minnesota; the Mus-

ser-Sauntry Land, Lumber & Manufacturing Company, of Stillwater, Minnesota; and the Superior Logging & Lumber Company, of Stillwater. With his brother, Lafayette Lamb, he was a large holder of sugar pine in the Yosemite valley, of California. He was one of the founders of the Tri-City Telephone Company, of Clinton; was largely interested in smelting and mining in Georgia, and had large interests in zinc mines in Arkansas and gold mines in Colorado. In commenting upon his death, a local paper said: "As the stately pines fell before the choppers, so fell his giant frame before the great reaper, and the strong, active leader of men in finances, in days gone by a leader in physical effort, is no more, and yet with Dryden he could say to Fate, 'Tomorrow do thy worst for I have lived to-day.' And in the present he lived—active, earnest, progressive, full of ambition, ready for a multitude of duties, which were performed with earnestness until he filled the place among his fellow men of a leader, and kindred interests to the business to which he gave so much of his thought and energy looked to him to think out, experiment on and prove that which was best, most progressive, most profit-producing in the methods of handling the raw material or investing the profits to bring the greatest returns with the minimum risk. From the day he entered the firm to the day of the injury which terminated his life he knew no rest, no surcease from effort. It was work, work, all the time; planning here, directing there; ordering here, receiving reports there, for his mind had been so schooled, his habits had been so formed that he would not delegate this duty or that idea to another to execute, but must assist those who were given the charge to perform; counsel with them, help them, and when a man was found in the yards with a timber

too heavy to lift, and he was there, it was not his habit to call another workman and stand by and see them place the timber where it belonged, but rather to bend his great strength to the task and thus lighten the load, then with a careless brush of his hands to remove the splinters of the pine that clung to them he would go to the office and the finance man, the bookkeeper or accountant would be assisted over some knotty problem as readily and as quickly." Kindness, amiability and courtesy not only characterized his social relations but were a marked feature of his business life, and the humble employe never saw a trace of the overbearing taskmaster in him.

In Clinton, on the 11th of October, 1865, Artemus Lamb married Miss Henrietta Sabrina Smith, who was born in Perry county, Ohio, April 16, 1845. They became the parents of five children, all of whom are living except Burt, who died January 29, 1898. The living are Emma Rema, wife of Marvin J. Gates; Garret Eugene, who wedded Gertrude May Ellis; James Dwight, who married Mollie Valeria Ankeny; Clara Augusta, wife of Russell B. McCoy; and Burt Lafayette, who married Grace Olds.

Mr. Lamb was one of the early members of Emulation Lodge, No. 255, A. F. & A. M. He was a member of Clinton Chapter, and for many years was recorder of Holy Cross Commandery, and a number of years was commander-in-chief of De Molay Consistory of Clinton. He passed through the Scottish Rite bodies, and received the honorary thirty-third degree. He was a member of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

Mr. Lamb probably did more for the improvement and progress of Clinton than any other one man. His extensive business in-

terests were of the greatest benefit to the city, giving employment to hundreds of workmen, and thus adding to the general prosperity, but along other lines he also contributed to the general welfare, giving generously and freely to all measures which he believed would prove of public good. In his earlier years he was foremost in every movement among the young men of the city instituted in behalf of Clinton, and as late as from 1874 until 1879 he was in charge of the fire department when to be a fireman meant to be ready to fight fire with crude assistance of water works apparatus, and to have charge of a volunteer department was to be clothed with more power at a fire than a general on the battlefield. Yet so capably did he discharge his duties that he was retained in that office for five years, and to the earnestness of his effort is largely due the fact that the city now has a splendid paid fire department. He served as a member of the city council and exercised his official prerogatives in support of every measure which he believed would prove of benefit to the city. Though inheriting wealth, he was extremely democratic in his manner, and it was a source of great pleasure to him when his fellow townsmen addressed him as Art. Lamb, for he felt that it was a mark of good comradeship. He was one of the people—his wealth did not place him above his fellow men, and he felt with Burns that "A man's a man for a' that." He was indeed quick to recognize and appreciate character and worth, regarding not its outward environments. He belonged to that class who shed around them much of the sunshine of life. The poor found in him not only a benefactor, but a friend, and he ever had a hand down-reaching to assist those less fortunate than himself. His genial ways, wide expe-

rience, careful observance of the habits and customs of others made him at ease in the mansion, in the ball room and at the banquet board, but he was happiest among the common people. In fact, there were no common people for him—all people were of one class, and by him were judged only as to character, and in that he had great sympathy and charity, while in his own life adhering closely to the highest ideals. At length the heavy burdens of business life told upon his once robust constitution, and feeling that he needed rest and relaxation he started for California in January, 1901; there to join his wife and other members of the family. The train on which he was a passenger was wrecked and he sustained injuries. As soon as possible he was taken on to California, and for a time he rallied, but finally succumbed to his injuries and the complication they entailed, passing away at Coronado Beach, California, April 23, 1901. No man in Clinton was ever more respected, and no man ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people or more deserved such respect and confidence. Perhaps the feeling prevalent in his home city when the news of his death was received is best indicated by the following telegram which was sent to Mrs. Lamb:

"Our city is hushed and silent. The flag at half mast on the city hall announced to our people the death of their friend and fellow citizen, Mr. Artemus Lamb. We all mourn with you in your great bereavement.

"G. D. McDAID, Mayor."

Thus was ended the life record of one of whom it may justly be said:

"His life was noble and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

GARRETT E. LAMB.

G. E. Lamb, a son of Artemus Lamb, was born in Clinton November 14, 1869, and since reaching manhood has become prominently identified with the business interests of the city. He prepared for college at Clinton, and then spent two years in the literary department of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and then returned to his business life at Clinton. He is now president of the Peoples Trust & Savings Bank; is secretary of the C. Lamb & Sons and is also extensively engaged in mining operations in Arizona. He is a wide-awake, energetic and progressive young business man, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. It is true that he became interested in business already established, but in controlling and enlarging such enterprises many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed; and he has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius, but the outcome of a clear judgment and experience. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Emulation Lodge, of the Chapter and Commandery, De Molay Consistory, at Clinton, and El Kahir Temple of Mystic Shrine, at Cedar Rapids. He is also connected with the Elks. He married Miss Gertrude Ellis, daughter of Lyman A. Ellis.

JAMES DWIGHT LAMB.

The name of Lamb is so well known in Clinton and eastern Iowa that a representative of the eastern lumber firm of C. Lamb & Sons needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, and he who forms the sub-

ject of this review holds the responsible position of superintendent of the yards. He was born in Clinton, June 25, 1871, a son of the late Artemus Lamb, whose sketch is given above. He pursued his preliminary education in the schools of this city and later continued his studies in Exeter, New Hampshire. In his youth he became familiar with the lumber business, spending considerable time in the yards, and since 1890 he has held his present important position with the firm of C. Lamb & Sons, and also has charge of the Chancy mills. The magnitude of the trade renders his duties no sinecure; in fact, in the successful control of the yards and mill there is demanded excellent business and executive ability, careful foresight and keen discrimination,—qualities which Mr. Lamb possesses in an adequate degree. He is a director of the People's Trust and Savings Bank, also a director of the Shell Lake Lumber Company, and president and director of the Clinton Separator and Engine Works, a new institution giving employment to forty skilled mechanics, and also otherwise a prominent factor in financial circles.

On the 5th of October, 1892, Mr. Lamb was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Ankeny, of Clinton, and they now have an interesting little daughter, Celeste. In his fraternal relations Mr. Lamb is a prominent Mason. In addition to the degrees of the blue lodge, he has taken those of the commandery and of the consistory of Clinton, and is likewise a member of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

ARCHIE F. HOWES.

Archie F. Howes is a representative of the railroad service, in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Com-

pany, and makes his home in Clinton. He was born in Aurora, Illinois, November 30, 1856, and is a son of Philip Howes. With his parents he came to Clinton in 1859 and attended the public schools of the city until twelve years of age. The first money which he earned was by driving horses at the mills of Colonel Fairby, and later he worked in the mills for a short time. He was also employed on his father's farm and subsequently secured a position as a farm hand at twenty dollars per month, being thus engaged until June, 1873, when he secured a position as fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, acting in that capacity for seven years. His close application and fidelity then won him promotion to the position of engineer in 1880 and he made his first run to Belle Plaine. For four years previous to that time he had acted as fireman for Thomas Keefe on the passenger train running to Boone. In August, 1880, he took charge of a freight train to Belle Plaine, and in 1895 was transferred to the run to Boone. In 1898 he was given charge of a passenger train, and in March, 1899, was made engineer on train No. 9, the fastest schedule train in the world. He has been very successful, never meeting with an accident in all his railway service.

In 1879 Mr. Howes was married to Emma L. Bedford, who was born in Minersville, Pennsylvania, in 1856. Her parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Howes now have one daughter, Mary F., who was born in 1881, and was graduated in the Clinton high school in June, 1901. She is now pursuing a special course in music. The family have a pleasant home in Clinton. Mr. Howes purchased a residence in 1885, but afterward sold it and has since erected a modern home with all the latest equipments and accessories. The Howes.

household is noted for its hospitality, and the members of the family occupy an enviable social position. Mr. Howes is a member of the Clinton Divison, No. 125, B. L. E., with which he has been identified since 1881. He also belongs to Emulation Lodge, No. 205, F. & A. M., and his wife belongs to the G. I. A., auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He contributes to the support of church work, and as a citizen is interested in everything pertaining to the general welfare. His financial success in life is due to his industry and indefatigable labor.

JOHN ROBSON.

John Robson, deceased, came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1862, and as an agriculturist was for many years prominently identified with its growth and development, but his last years were spent in retirement from active labor in the village of DeWitt where, after a useful and well-spent life, he passed away on the 31st of March, 1900, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Robson was born in Roxburyshire, Scotland, April 8, 1825, of English parentage. After his marriage his father, William Robson, removed to Scotland and reared his family in Roxburyshire. On reaching manhood our subject married Miss Isabella Rathie, a daughter of George and Margaret Rathie, who belonged to a good old Scotch family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robson continued their residence in Scotland for several years after their marriage, but in 1854, started for America in company with their two children and Mrs. Robson's father, two sisters and a niece. It was a long and trying voy-

age of thirteen weeks, during which both of our subject's children died and also his wife's sisters, and he suffered the anguish and despair of seeing them buried at sea. At length they arrived in New York, and went up the Hudson river to Albany, in the suburbs of which city Mr. Robson engaged in gardening for eight years.

At the end of that time he came west to Iowa and joined his father-in-law, who had located in Clinton county about 1856, and through whom Mr. Robson had previously purchased a little place of forty acres in Weiton township with a log house upon it. On arriving here he retained the house and made it his home for a few years while developing his farm. Later he erected a good residence, barn and other outbuildings and made many substantial improvements upon the place, which added greatly to its valuable and attractive appearance. As the years passed and he prospered in his farming operations, he added to his farm until he had two hundred acres in the home place and another farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was a very successful and thrifty farmer and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1888, when he removed to DeWitt and lived retired until his death.

There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Robson, but as previously stated, two died while coming to the new world, these being Margaret, aged four years, and William, aged two. Those born in this country were George, who grew to manhood and died on the home farm at the age of twenty-four years; John, who is a well-educated man and is now engaged in business in Albany, Oregon; Fred, who died in DeWitt, Iowa, at the age of twenty-six; Samuel, a railroad man who lives inavenport, Iowa; and James, who resides with

his mother in DeWitt and oversees the operation of the farm.

Mr. Robson was a staunch Republican in politics, and two of his sons, John and Samuel, also support that party, while James is identified with the Democracy. On coming to America our subject had but little means, but he always made the best use of his opportunities, and being industrious, enterprising and ambitious, he steadily prospered, and at his death left his family in comfortable circumstances. He was well and favorably known throughout this county, and his upright, honorable course in life commended him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social affairs. Mrs. Robson still survives her husband and continues to make her home in DeWitt, where she has a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She is a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church of that place, and a most estimable lady.

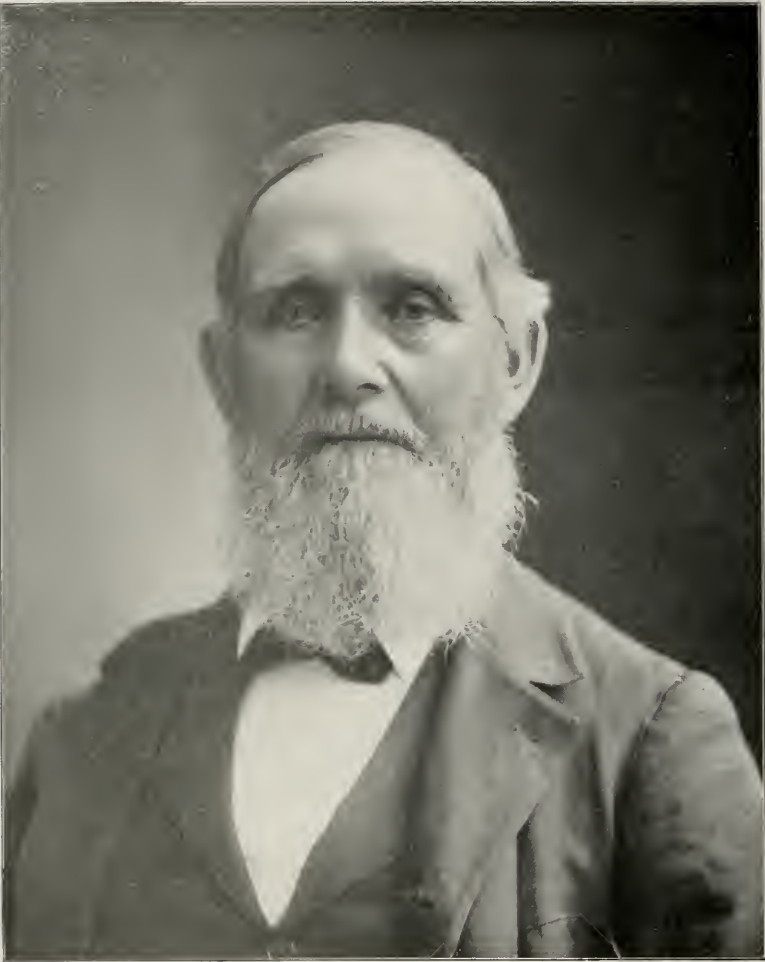
CHARLES F. BELL.

The industrial and business interests of Clinton, Iowa, are well represented by the subject of this sketch, who is a member of the firm of Peterson, Bell & Company, manufacturers of boxes and crates, their place of business being on Franklin avenue on the tracks of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. He was born in Hadley, Massachusetts, October 8, 1852, a son of Samuel and Betsy (Cooke) Bell both now deceased, the former dying at the age of sixty-four, the latter at the age of forty-five years. His paternal ancestors came from Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in 1723, and settled in the present town of Oakham, Massachusetts. The Cooke fam-

ily is of English origin and was founded in America as early as 1640. For a time they were members of the Hartford colony, and then went up the Connecticut river to what is now Northampton, Massachusetts, but was then known as the Norwotock Plantation. Our subject is one of a family of four children, the others being Samuel, a resident of Hadley, Massachusetts; William, of Clinton, Iowa; and Julia, deceased.

Charles F. Bell passed his boyhood and youth in his native town, and was educated at the Hopkins Academy—one of the oldest institutions of the kind in America, founded in 1664—from which he was graduated in 1870. Later he took a commercial course at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. With his oldest brother he was then engaged in buying and selling tobacco, and in the manufacture of cigars until coming to Clinton, Iowa, in 1877, was in the employ of C. Lamb & Sons at this place for twelve years.

In 1892 Mr. Bell formed a partnership with James Peterson, under the firm name of Peterson, Bell & Company, and embarked in his present business, purchasing the ground on which their plant is now located from market gardeners. Their first building was only sixty by ninety feet, but they now have a floor space of over fifteen thousand feet, and the number of men employed by them has been increased from fifteen to eighty-five, so rapidly has their business grown, it amounting to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars during the year 1900, when they shipped six hundred carloads of boxes and crates. Their goods are all sold by the carload and their patronage comes from a large extent of territory. They sell principally to packing houses, and manufacture soap boxes, crates for sewing machines, melons, etc. Their factory is



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equipped with all the latest improved machinery needed in their line, and they carry from one to four million feet of lumber in stock. The company was incorporated in 1896, and have their office adjoining the factory on Franklin avenue.

October 16, 1883, Mr. Bell was united in marriage with Miss Louise M. Black, of Clinton, a daughter of William and Jane (Henley) Black, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Iowa, respectively. Mr. Black came from Pennsylvania to Scott county, Iowa, in 1855, and there married Miss Henley, at which place Mrs. Bell was born. They moved to Clinton in 1864, where Mr. Black has been one of the leading architects and builders of the city up to the present time. Our subject and his wife have two children: C. Leonard and Frederic W., who are now attending school. In his social relations Mr. Bell is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal Arcanum and the Wapsipinicon Club. He is a man of good business and executive ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination, and is generally able to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He occupies an enviable position in business circles and personally is quite popular.

PHILIP HOWES.

The subject of this sketch is a well-known citizen of Clinton, who first made his appearance here in 1859 as an engineer on the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, now the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, but for several years past has devoted his time and attention to fruit culture. He was born in Bristol, England, March 2,

1830, a son of Richard Howes, but as his parents died when he was very young, he was reared by William Lewis, a Scotchman, with whom he came to America in 1836, locating in Minersville, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and was educated. During his youth he worked in the coal mines of that locality. In 1849 he went west to Indianapolis, Indiana, and accepted a position as fireman on the Madison & Indianapolis Railroad.

Returning to his old home in Minersville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Howes was married, March 2, 1852, to Miss Esther Waters, whose affections he had won before going to Indiana. They have now traveled life's journey together for almost half a century, sharing its joys, and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. Unto them were born the following children: Philip M., who died in infancy; Edward M.; Archie F.; Thomas R.; William Henry; Philip L.; George W.; Richard N.; Benjamin L.; Sarah M., deceased; Elizabeth M.; Esther S.; and John L.

The year of his marriage Mr. Howes went to Chicago, and after firing for a time he was promoted to engineer on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, running between Chicago and Aurora. He first had charge of the noted old engine, Rocket, whose history every railroad man knows. As previously stated, he came to Clinton in 1859, and continued in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as engineer until June, 1872, when he gave up his railroad life. In 1865 he and William Coons, now deceased, purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, and a few years later he erected thereon the house which has since been his home. After leaving the road he turned his attention to gardening and the raising of small

fruits, and still owns twenty and a half acres devoted to that purpose. He has made all the improvements upon the land and at one time had one of the finest fruit farms in the county, his nurseries and gardens being located at the corner of Camanche avenue and Howes street. He formerly raised an excellent variety of berries and grapes, which were noted for their quality and flavor, and also made a specialty of asparagus and pieplant. On coming to Clinton he built a residence on Twelfth avenue, which he subsequently sold. Although he has reared a large family, he has been able to accumulate a good property, being industrious, enterprising and persevering, and eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of the city. In politics he has always been a Republican, and although he has never sought office, he has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens as a member of the school board, city trustee and alderman, the duties of which offices he most capably discharged. In his religious views he is liberal, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

ARTHUR R. OLNEY.

Prominent among the successful and enterprising business men of Clinton, Iowa, is numbered the senior member of the well-known corporation of Olney & McDaid, wholesale druggists of that city. He is a worthy representative of an old and honored New England family, being able to trace his ancestry back to Thomas Olney, who was born in Hertford, Hertfordshire, England, in 1600, and in 1635 came to the new world on the vessel *Planter*, landing at Salem, Massachusetts. A year later he was ap-

pointed surveyor of Jeffry Creek, now Manchester, near Salem, and was made a freeman the same year. He became one of the followers of Roger Williams, and when they were excluded from the Massachusetts colony he visited Narragansett bay with Williams while seeking a location. They finally decided to locate on the west bank of the See Konk river, where with eleven others they formed a new settlement, purchasing the land from the Indians. This was the site of the present city of Providence. In 1638 Mr. Olney was chosen treasurer of the town, and in 1655 was chosen a judge of the justice court with Roger Williams and Thomas Harris. His name also appears among the grantees of the Royal Charter of Charles II in 1663. He was one of the founders of the Baptist church in the colonies and was active in its ministry. He was buried on North Main street, a short distance south of the state house at Springfield, Massachusetts. He had died in 1682.

Arthur R. Olney, of this review, is of the ninth generation in direct descent from Thomas Olney. He was born in Girard, Branch county, Michigan, August 11, 1846, and is a son of Daniel T. and Adelia (Ames) Olney, the former a native of Saratoga, New York, the latter of Vermont. The mother was a descendant of William Ames, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1605, and on coming to America located in Braintree, Massachusetts, where he died in 1654. It was prior to 1641 that he emigrated to this country, in company with his brother John. The parents of our subject were married in Michigan in 1843, their respective families being pioneers of that state. In 1848 they removed to Illinois and settled in Belvidere, where Daniel T. Olney spent the remainder of his life, dying there in 1898. He was a capitalist and also did a



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private banking business. He also did considerable legal work, although he was not a practicing attorney. His widow is still a resident of Belvidere. In their family were three children. Marietta, wife of John L. Witbeck, of Belvidere; Arthur R., our subject; and Clara, wife of Rev. J. P. Philips, also of Belvidere.

Mr. Olney, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Belvidere, Illinois, and when twenty years of age began his business career as clerk in a bank at that place, which position he held one year. The following year he was bookkeeper in a dry-goods store in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and then spent one year in Chicago at the same occupation. In 1869 he came to Clinton, Iowa, and after serving as bookkeeper in a saddlery hardware establishment for one year he embarked in the retail drug business. Since 1880, however, he has conducted a wholesale drug house, at first as a member of the firm of Olney & McMahon, which shortly afterward was succeeded by the present firm. The firm was incorporated in 1891 with a paid-up capital of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, Mr. Olney being its president. In 1892 they erected a fine modern pressed-brick block, 113-117 Fifth avenue, occupying four floors, fifty by one hundred and forty feet, together with a warehouse extending back to Sixth avenue. The building was erected from their own plans exclusively for their trade, and is one of the model drug houses of the west. They have seven men on the road and are doing a large and increasing business, besides giving employment at the store to twenty-three people. The Fish Brothers' Manufacturing company is also one of the large and growing concerns of the city, giving employment to one hundred

and twenty-five persons, and they distribute about ten thousand wagons yearly. Mr. Olney is president of the company. Mr. Olney was also one of the organizers and is now president of the Clinton Industrial Improvement Company; has been a director of the Merchants' National Bank since its organization. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, whose sound judgment, unflagging enterprise and capable management have brought to him a well-merited success, and he now occupies an enviable position among the representative business men of his adopted city.

On the 10th of January, 1872, Mr. Olney was united in marriage with Miss Ella May, a sister of Calvin D. May, in whose sketch appears a history of the family. By this union were born two children: Florence, wife of Dr. Herbert R. Sugg, of Clinton; and Lilian, wife of Samuel G. Van Camp, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Socially, the family are prominent. Mr. Olney attends and supports the Presbyterian church, of which the family are members.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

William Taylor is a leading representative of the business interests of Clinton, Iowa, being president and treasurer of the Clinton Novelty Iron Works, whose office and shop are located at 114-118 Eighth avenue. A native of New York, he was born in Albany county, March 23, 1835, and is a son of John and Susan (Shepard) Taylor, also natives of the Empire state. He was reared upon a farm and remained at home until twenty years of age, when he went to Warren, Massachusetts, and served an apprenticeship as a mechanic, thoroughly mastering the machinist's trade. He then

started out as a journeyman machinist and came west, arriving in Moline, Illinois, in 1856. For some time he was in the employ of Williams & White at that place, and then, desiring to see more of the west, he went to northeastern Kansas. He visited various places and finally drifted back to Dayton, Ohio, where he worked as a mechanic in a tub and bucket manufactory and later engaged as brakeman on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad until the Civil war broke out.

At the president's first call for troops Mr. Taylor enlisted for three months in Company H, Sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered into the United States service at Indianapolis, and on the expiration of that time he re-enlisted in the Second Indiana Battery, with which he served three years, taking part in sixteen battles. He was then honorably discharged and returned to Albany, New York, where he spent one year working at his trade.

In 1865 Mr. Taylor came to Clinton, Iowa, as engineer in the W. J. Young Mills, and was superintendent of the same for twenty years. In 1894, in partnership with his brothers Lucius O. and John, he bought a tract of vacant land, which they filled in from six to eight feet, and then built thereon the Clinton Novelty Iron Works, one hundred by one hundred and forty feet in dimensions. Here they manufactured steam and gas engines and do all kinds of repair work to machines, having the most modern lathes and machinery for such purposes. They keep only the best and most skilled mechanics, and furnish employment to as many as twenty men, including general mechanics, founders and wood workers. They are also agents for the Dodge wooden pulleys. Our subject purchased his brothers' interests in the business in 1898, and has since ad-

mitted to partnership H. S. Wilson, who is now secretary of the company. They are now at the head of a large and flourishing trade, which is constantly increasing, as the work which they turn out is first class in every particular.

In 1867 Mr. Taylor married Miss Alice V. Soper, a native of Rome, New York, and a daughter of Hiram Soper, of Clinton, Iowa. She is a most estimable woman, who makes many friends, and presides with gracious dignity over their pleasant home at 327 Tenth avenue. Besides this house, Mr. Taylor also built another at 311 the same street, which he sold. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children, namely: William J., who died at the age of twenty-six years; Susie; Eva; and Belle, wife of H. S. Wilson, who is now engaged in business with our subject.

In his social relations Mr. Taylor is a member of the Grand Army Post of Clinton, and in religious views is liberal. As a business man he is straightforward and reliable, and has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, the prosperity that has come to him being certainly well deserved.



WILLIAM H. LARGE.

William H. Large, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of DeWitt, who has now retired from active business, was born on the 22d of May, 1856, in Boston, Massachusetts, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Rogers) Large, both natives of Ireland. The father was born in Dublin in 1821, and came of a long line of sturdy Irish ancestry. After his marriage he removed to England, and in 1844 emigrated to the new world, locating first at Boston,

Massachusetts, where he engaged in the boot and shoe business for a time. In 1859 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and opened a boot and shoe store in DeWitt, which he carried on for a time, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, having purchased a farm near the village, which he operated with the help of his sons. Upon this place he built a good house and barn, and was successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until his death, which occurred in December, 1888. His first wife died upon the farm in 1864, and he subsequently wedded Mary Gorman, who died in DeWitt. He was one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of the county, and was widely and favorably known. By his first marriage he had four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, but the daughters are both now deceased.

William H. Large, the youngest of this family, attended the common schools of this county, and supplemented the knowledge there obtained by one term at the Davenport Business College in Davenport, but he is almost wholly self-educated. On the 13th of March, 1883, he was married in this county to Miss Mary Saddoris, a native of Davenport, Iowa. Her father, Samuel Saddoris, was born in Ohio, March 4, 1816, of good old German ancestry, and in early life became a mechanic, learning the wagonmaker's trade. In 1845 he removed to Davenport, Iowa, where he successfully engaged in business as a public contractor and invested considerable in real estate. After residing there for eight years he came to Clinton county, and in 1865 purchased a farm near DeWitt, to which he has since added from time to time until now he is the owner of a large and

valuable farm. Here Mrs. Large was principally reared. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, of whom Samuel, the only son, died in infancy. Those living are Clara, Amy, Florence and Helen, all attending the home school.

Mr. and Mrs. Large began their domestic life upon the old homestead, to which he succeeded after his father's death, and in connection with farming he engaged in stock-raising, always keeping a high grade of cattle and fattening for the market from one to two carloads annually. He continued his farming operations with marked success until 1897, when he rented the place and bought a residence in DeWitt, where he has since lived retired. He still owns the old homestead in DeWitt township, which consists of two hundred and forty acres of well improved and valuable land, pleasantly located within four miles of the village of DeWitt. He is one of the original stockholders of the DeWitt Savings Bank.

Since casting his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine, Mr. Large has never failed to support each Republican candidate for that office, though at local elections he votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He has never cared for political honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at DeWitt, in which he has filled all the chairs and is past grand, and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, while he and his wife have taken the Rebekah degrees in the former order. He takes a deep interest in public affairs and the good of the community in which he resides, and does all in his power to advance its interests.

WILLIAM MACQUIGG, M. D.

There is no profession in which its members are brought into closer relations with the people than the medical, and the old family physician is honored wherever he may be. Clinton county is well represented by physicians and surgeons that are an honor to the profession, and none stand higher in the estimation of its citizens than Dr. William MacQuigg, who has been a resident of the county since June 4, 1852, and is the oldest physician, in point of practice, now living within its borders. In the forty-nine years that have passed what changes has he witnessed in the development of the county of his adoption, and of the grand state of which it forms a part?

Dr. MacQuigg was born in the city of Philadelphia, May 14, 1828, and is the son of James and Margaret (Dunlap) MacQuigg, both of whom were natives of Scotland, born near the city of Edinburg. In early life they came to the United States and located in Pennsylvania, which remained their home for some years, and from which state they removed to Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1842. They reared a family of five children, and continued to make Ohio their home until called to their reward.

In the city of his birth the Doctor received his primary education, and in the schools of Ohio he finished his course and laid the foundation for the well stored mind developed by intercourse with his fellow man. Before attaining his majority he began reading medicine under the instruction of Dr. McMillan, of Newark, Ohio, in whose office he continued until the fall of 1850, when he attended a course of lectures in the Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio. While he did not then graduate from the

medical institution, he commenced the practice of his profession, and in June, 1852, came to Iowa and located in Camanche, then the most important town in Clinton county. At that time the site of the present city of Clinton was a cornfield, while Lyons was but a village of one hundred and fifty inhabitants. Commencing practice here, the Doctor soon had calls from all parts of the county, and for twenty miles around he was in constant demand at the bedside of the sick or in consultation with other physicians. While his experience was beneficial, and the practical knowledge obtained was very great, he felt that it would be better for him if he should finish his course of lectures, graduate and receive the approval of his *alma mater*. Accordingly he returned to Cleveland, and in the class of 1860 was graduated from the Cleveland Medical College. Receiving his diploma, he again took up his residence in Camanche and was actively engaged in practice until 1862, when he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and with the regiment went to the front and for a year and a half served in that capacity, being then compelled to resign on account of ill health.

On the acceptance of his resignation Dr. MacQuigg returned to Camanche, where he resumed his general practice and remained until 1866, when he removed to the city of Lyons, which has since been his permanent home. His reputation as a skillful physician and surgeon being well known in that city, it was not long before calls were numerous, and for about a third of a century he was actively engaged in office and general practice with gratifying success. For the past three years he has endeavored to quietly retire from the field, but many of his

old patients will not let him yield to his desire and will continue to visit him at his office and call for him in extreme cases.

Dr. MacQuigg has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Mary Jane Scripture, a native of New York, and after her death he was married, in 1884, to Miss Anna Aultman, a native of Pennsylvania. They reside in a beautiful residence in the city of Clinton, on a fine elevation, overlooking the Mississippi river, and there the Doctor delights to entertain his friends and talk with them over old times when Iowa was a new state, its inhabitants being few and widely scattered, and then to contrast it with the present, when it ranks as one of the greatest states in the Union, with less illiteracy than any other state.

Dr. MacQuigg is one of the most prominent Masons of the state of Iowa, and has attained the thirty-second degree, being a member of DeMolay Consistory, No. 1, of Lyons. Few men are better posted in the work of the order, and none stand higher in its councils. He has now been identified with it for forty-six years, having first united with the blue lodge at Camanche in 1855.

When Dr. MacQuigg first located in Clinton county it was almost a wilderness, there being but few roads, and over its trackless prairies he rode day and night at the call of the distressed. In its improvement and development he has taken no mean part, his best efforts, however, being given to his profession, and as he looks back he can see how the changes were gradually brought about, and how thriving cities and villages have sprung up, and almost every acre of its fertile soil under cultivation. The noble profession of which he is an honored member has made advancements of which the world never dreamed, and in the

onward movement the Doctor has kept step, while never ignoring the experiences of the past. Honored by his professional brethren, and held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens, he can look back upon a life well spent and with the proud satisfaction of knowing that he has done well his part and that he has the confidence of those with whom he has been so long associated.

A. J. CLARK.

Prominent among the early settlers of Clinton county is A. J. Clark, who came to DeWitt in 1841, and was for many years actively identified with her business interests, but is now living retired. He was born near Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, on the 1st of February, 1837, and on the paternal side is of sturdy Welsh ancestry. His father, Rev. T. W. Clark, was born in 1808, in the province of New Brunswick, Canada, where the family was founded at an early day, and there he was reared. When a young man he went to Stark county, Ohio, and there married Miss Ann Turner, also a native of New Brunswick and a daughter of Dr. George W. Turner. He purchased a partially cleared farm in that county and engaged in its operation for some years, but in 1840 came to Clinton county, Iowa, in company with his father-in-law, who entered a large tract of land near DeWitt, erected thereon a mill, and successfully engaged in milling for several years. He was one of the pioneer physicians of this locality and was a very prominent business man. In 1841 Mr. Clark was joined by his family and located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres south of DeWitt, now constituting what is known

as South DeWitt. He also owned other lands and carried on farming quite successfully. He assisted in laying out the town of DeWitt and sold his farm to the land company who platted South DeWitt. He founded the Baptist church of DeWitt and devoted the last years of his life to the work of the ministry. He was well known in Clinton and adjoining counties, and was held in the highest respect and esteem. His death occurred May 10, 1883, having survived his wife some years.

Our subject was a child of only four years when brought to this county, and here his boyhood and youth were passed. He completed his education at Mt. Carroll, Illinois. After arriving at mature years he engaged in the real estate and loan business for some years, and for a quarter of a century was interested in the grain business. He was a large land owner and improved several farms in this county, and also stimulated industries by letting others have the use of his money. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of DeWitt, was a stockholder and director of the same, and served as vice-president until his removal to the state of Washington in 1894, when he sold his interests in this county. For six years he made his home near Seattle, being engaged in mercantile and real estate business, but in the spring of 1900 he returned to DeWitt and has since lived a retired life.

Mr. Clark has always supported the men and measures of the Republican party since casting his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. His father was originally a Whig and later a Republican. With exception of a short time spent in Washington our subject has been a resident of this county for sixty years, and has witnessed its wonderful growth and develop-

ment. His connection with various business enterprises has been of decided advantage to the county, promoting its welfare in no uncertain manner, and he has always been recognized as one of the most valuable and useful citizens of the community—one who is pre-eminently public-spirited and progressive.

MRS. SARAH G. PERIN.

There is probably no woman in Clinton more widely known or is held in higher regard than Mrs. Perin, who has made her home here since pioneer days. She was born in Newark, New Jersey, on the 20th of February, 1812, a daughter of John B. and Nancy (Peck) Nixon. In early life she met and married Noble Perin, a native of New York and a son of John and Rachel (Rice) Perin, who removed to Indiana at an early day.

When a young man Noble Perin learned the blacksmith's trade at Connersville, Indiana, where he was married, and in 1837 came to Iowa, which was then a territory, and purchased one hundred and thirty-six acres of land where the city of Clinton now stands. The only families in this locality at that time were the Marlins, Buells, Horgans, Bartletts, Wares, Harrisons, Smiths and Deeds. The Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers, and would beg and steal, but otherwise were not troublesome. Lynx, bears, wolves and deer were often seen, and all kinds of feathered game was plentiful, furnishing many a meal for the early settlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Perin came west by steamboat to Clinton, then called New York, bringing with them a small quantity of household goods and one cow. Until a

hewed log house could be built for their accommodation they lived with Mr. Bartlett. Their first home was on the site of Young's mills, in Clinton, and they moved in before the floor had been laid. It was a primitive affair with only one door and bunks for beds. Mr. Perin's father arrived here in time to help finish the house. Here the young couple began life in true pioneer style, and experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to such a life. It was five years before Mr. Perin could pre-empt his land after locating here. In the spring of 1844 he started to St. Louis to get material for blacksmithing, and was killed at Quincy, Illinois, by the bursting of the boiler on the steamer, Patosic, on which he was a passenger. He was then thirty-seven years of age, being born in 1807.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Perin, namely: (1) Valeria married Augustus L. Ankeny, and to them were born seven children: Helen, Bruce, Harry and Belle, all now deceased; Maud, wife of A. Gibbon; Molly, wife of D. Lamb; and Margaret, wife of Charles Bonney. (2) Samuel T. first married Melvina Star, by whom he had six children: Lulu P., Powell, Ellwood, Marian A., Annie and Noble. For his second wife he married Nellie Ber-ton, and they have seven children: Earl, Edna, Nellie, Bruce, Samuel, Verna and Beatrice. (3) Nancy married Ed Vosburg, and to them were born three children: Emily, Paul and Valeria. (4) Mary married T. W. Miller, and they had nine children, three of whom are deceased, the others are: Sadie Olds, Charles, Harry, Harriett, T. Warren and Robert. (5) A son died in infancy. (6) Elizabeth Jane married W. A. Scott. By this union one child was born, Ellen, now the wife of H. Seaman. (7) Noble is deceased. (8) Rachel.

For her second husband Mrs. Perin married Shubel Coy, of Lyons, by whom she had two children: Francis, deceased; and Edgar L. Mr. Coy died at the age of seventy-seven years. Our subject has since resumed the name of Perin. Although now in her ninetieth year she is wonderfully preserved and has a retentive memory, which enables her to relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life when this region was all wild and unimproved. Her circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county is extensive, and she is held in the highest respect and esteem.

WALTER L. McARTHUR.

This well-known and popular citizen of Clinton, who is cashier for the Joyce Lumber Company, was born in Geneseo, New York, in 1861, his parents being Walter L. and Amanda (Benjamin) McArthur, who were natives of Scotland and New York, respectively, and are both now deceased. His education was completed in the State Normal School of Geneseo, and he began his business career at the age of seventeen in the office of the surrogate at that place.

Coming west in 1879, Mr. McArthur located in Chicago, where he was in the employ of Hodge & Homer, hardware merchants, until his removal to Clinton in 1884, when he entered the employ of the Joyce Lumber Company as bookkeeper, in which capacity he served until promoted to cashier in 1894. His books were masterpieces of bookkeeping, as he is unexcelled as a penman, and he has often been employed by other firms as an expert accountant.

What is now the Joyce Lumber Company was first founded by the firm of Joyce

& Smith, later business was carried on under the name of D. Joyce, and on the death of David Joyce, William T. Joyce succeeded to the business, which was conducted under his name until the Joyce Lumber Company was organized in December, 1899. Their logs are rafted from the north by contract and they are engaged in the manufacture of lumber in both Clinton, Iowa, and Fulton, Illinois, the daily capacity of the mills being about one hundred and eighty thousand feet of lumber, besides shingles and laths, which they also manufacture. The present mill at Lyons was established in 1868, and here one hundred and twenty-five hands are employed, while one hundred and fifty are employed across the river at Fulton. Their principal office is in the former place. The present officers of the company are W. T. Joyce, of Chicago, president and treasurer; George S. Sardam, of Fulton, vice-president and manager; W. A. Remick, of Chicago, secretary; and W. L. McArthur, cashier. All shipments made by the company are by railroad.

Mr. McArthur possesses considerable ability as an artist and is familiar with all kinds of photography. He is also talented as a vocalist, and has had considerable experience in organizing and instructing church choirs, having been leader of the choir in the Baptist church of Clinton for some time. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and in his political views is a Republican, and takes a great interest in public affairs and the progress and prosperity of his adopted county. About ten years ago he was made a Mason at Lyons and has since risen to the thirty-second degree, and is a member of DeMolay Consistory, No. 1, of Clinton. He also belongs to the camp of Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In manner he is genial and pleasant, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the city where he has now made his home for seventeen years.

JOHN H. EDENS, JR.

John H. Edens, Jr., who is now efficiently serving as clerk of the district court, was born in Clinton on the 20th of September, 1867, and is a son of John and Dora (Heide) Edens, both of whom were natives of Germany. It was in 1852 that the father emigrated to the United States and took up his residence in Clinton, where he and his wife are still living. They are the parents of three children, namely: Lizzie, John H. and Emma.

Our subject is indebted to the public schools of Clinton for his educational advantages, and was graduated at the high school in 1886. Although a stonemason by trade, his father was then engaged in mercantile business, and our subject was associated with him in that enterprise from 1887 until 1890, doing quite a successful business. In 1891 he was appointed deputy clerk of the district court by D. R. Markham and served in that capacity for four years. In the fall of 1894 he was elected clerk and so acceptably did he fill the position that he was re-elected in 1896, 1898 and in 1900, being the present incumbent. The fact that he was the only Democrat elected on the ticket in 1896 and 1900 plainly indicates his personal popularity, his efficiency, and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. As a deputy he now has D. O. C. McCarthy, ex-county auditor.

The beautiful new court house was dedicated August 26, 1897. Thus Mr. Edens.



JOHN H. EDENS, JR.

was the first incumbent of his department of the new building and thus had charge of the transfer of the records and their systematic arrangement in the new modern vaults. In the old time, papers were put away in bundles. Now he has them all numbered, with corresponding numbers on the index, and put away in cases so that all can be readily found.

Mr. Edens has been twice married, his first wife being Amelia Schultheis, who died in January, 1895, only eighteen months after their marriage, leaving one child, Ernest. On the 9th of December, 1897, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Ida Foote, a resident of Lyons, and to them have been born two children, Mabel M. and Arthur H. The family live in a nice home, 232 Second avenue, which was built by Mr. Edens.

The Democratic party has always found in Mr. Edens a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has been prominently identified with public affairs. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Brotherhood of the World, the Mystic Workers of the World, and the Turners' organization. He has been an instructor in the gymnasium of the last named society since seventeen years of age, and has always taken considerable interest in athletics.

WILLIAM H. EASTERLY.

One of the "boys in blue" of the Civil war this alone would entitle Mr. Easterly to representation in the history of his adopted county, but for almost a third of a century he has been an esteemed and valued resident of Clinton and has in the city

many friends who will receive with interest and pleasure the record of his career. He was born in Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, March 22, 1846, a son of Solomon and Nancy (Newman) Easterly, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1813. The Easterly family is of German lineage and was founded in America at an early day by ancestors who settled in the Keystone state. Solomon Easterly learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed throughout his business career. From Pennsylvania he removed to Ohio and in 1852 came with his family to Iowa, making the journey overland and settling in Anamosa. He worked at his trade and erected a house and smithy there, but afterward sold his property at Anamosa and removed to Lisbon, Iowa, where he died in 1858. He was also the owner of a comfortable residence in that place. This worthy couple were the parents of three sons, who are yet living: Jacob N., who makes his home in Burt, Iowa, and is an insurance agent and justice of the peace. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and wounds which he sustained rendered him a cripple for life. William H. is the next of the family. Samuel A. Easterly, the youngest son, joined Company F. Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, during the Civil war, and is now in the marble business in Carroll, Iowa. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Easterly married D. G. Ziegenfuss, who has also passed away. Her death occurred in 1871.

William H. Easterly pursued his education in the common schools of Iowa, coming to this state with his parents when twelve years of age. When not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom he engaged in farm work, thus being employed until after the inauguration of the Civil war.

In October, 1861, he enlisted, at which time he was making his home with his uncle, Emanuel Newman, an old settler, who still survives and is now living retired. Mr. Easterly was mustered into service on the 15th of November, at Davenport, Iowa, and remained at the front for three years and ten months. He was a member of Company F, Thirteenth Iowa Infantry, and participated in twenty-two engagements, the principal ones being the battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862; the siege of Corinth, in May, 1862; luka, September 19, 1862; the battle of Corinth, October 3-4, 1862; the siege of Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi, in July, 1863; Meridian, Mississippi, in 1864; Big Shanty, June 11, 1864; Kennesaw Mountain, in 1864; Nickajack Creek, July 5, 1864; the siege of Atlanta, and the battle of that city on July 21-22, where ninety-nine out of five hundred of his regiment were killed or wounded in twenty-seven minutes; Ezra Church, July 28, 1864; Savannah; Orangeburg, February 15, 1865; the fighting in the cypress swamps; the battle of Columbia, South Carolina, February 16, 1865, and at that point the Thirteenth Iowa Regiment placed the flag on the old state house and a banner on the new state house; the battle of Fayetteville, North Carolina; and the battle of Bentonville, March 21-22, 1865. Mr. Easterly received an honorable discharge July 21, 1865, and was mustered out at Davenport. He was very fortunate in that he escaped wounds and imprisonment, although he was in many hotly contested engagements and was often in the thickest of the fight.

Returning to Lisbon, Mr. Easterly there engaged in teaming for a time, and in 1868 he came to Clinton, entering the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company in the capacity of fireman. He was

thus employed for four years, after which he was given an engine in 1872 and ran upon the rounds for two years. He then resigned his position and removed to Lisbon, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for a time and after a year, operated the pump and worked at the station for a year. He then returned to Clinton and again began firing for the Chicago & Northwestern road, such duties occupying his attention for four years. On the 19th of November, 1883, he was again given an engine in the freight service and is now in the time freight service, running between Clinton and Tama on trains Nos. 27 and 24. He has been in two collisions and was once injured, which necessitated his absence from duty for eleven months. His long connection with the road indicates unmistakably his fidelity to duty, his trustworthiness and the confidence reposed in him.

On the 31st of May, 1866, in Lisbon, Mr. Easterly was united in marriage to Miss Kate Bohr, who was born in Pennsylvania, December 23, 1846, a daughter of Godfried Bohr, now at the home of Mr. Easterly, at the age of eighty-four years. He is a retired farmer and is the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land. His wife died in 1861, but Mrs. Easterly has two brothers living: Frederick, who makes his home in Arcadia, Iowa, and Jacob R., who resides on the home farm near Lisbon. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Easterly has been blessed with five children, of whom two died in infancy: Lewis, who is a graduate of the Clinton grammar school, and is chief train dispatcher at Lake City, Iowa, is married and has one daughter, Gracia; Claude, who is also a graduate of the public schools of Clinton, is married and makes his home in Clinton, where he is employed as a machinist, having charge of the work

in the old roundhouse; and Harry, a graduate of the Clinton schools and a machinist employed in the railroad shops in this place.

Mr. Easterly is a self-educated and self-made man. In his youth he had to work and assist in the support of his mother, but he possessed determination and energy, and by close attention to business he has attained his present position and enjoys the confidence and trust of the road in an unusual degree. He belongs to General N. B. Baker Post, G. A. R., of Clinton, and to Clinton Division, No. 125, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics he is a strong Republican, though not an active worker nor an aspirant for office. He is, however, as true and loyal to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the starry banner of the nation upon the battlefields of the south and thus aided in the preservation of the Union.

CHARLES A. MIDDLEMAS.

After a busy and useful life Charles A. Middlemas is now living retired in DeWitt, Iowa, enjoying the fruits of former toil. For many years he was one of the most enterprising and successful farmers and stock dealers in this section of the state, owning and operating a valuable farm of three hundred and ten acres in Allen's Grove township, Scott county, where he located in April, 1856.

Mr. Middlemas was born on the Hudson river, in New York, September 18, 1844, a son of Jasper and Eliza (Templeton) Middlemas, both natives of Scotland and representatives of good old Scotch families. His paternal grandfather was Joseph Middlemas, who removed to Canada

at an early day and settled in Montreal. The father of our subject was born near Glasgow and was there reared and married. In 1831 he took passage on a vessel bound for the new world and was fourteen weeks in crossing the Atlantic, during which time the ship encountered some very severe storms and was once driven back on the coast of Ireland. He had been educated in the Free Church of Scotland, but after coming to this country united with the Dutch Reformed church, and during his residence in New York engaged in preaching for the denomination. When he came to Iowa he joined the Presbyterian church and continued in the ministry of that church form any years. In April, 1856, he became a resident of Scott county, this state, where he purchased a tract of three hundred and ten acres of land, of which a few acres had been broken and a small log house erected thereon. This was his home for four years while developing his farm, and was then replaced by a more substantial and modern residence. A good barn and other out-buildings were also erected, shade and fruit trees were set out, and many other improvements made upon the place. The father spent his last days with a son in Brooklyn, Iowa, where he died in January, 1881, and his wife passed away in 1895, having been born in 1811. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom reached mature years, while three sons and three daughters are still living. One son, W. P., was killed on his farm near Brooklyn during the Grinnell cyclone.

Charles A. Middlemas grew to manhood on the old homestead and was educated in the local schools. On the 8th of February, 1877, was celebrated his marriage with Miss Marian Dannatt, a native of England and a daughter of John Dannatt, who

brought his family to the United States in 1852 and settled in Clinton county, Iowa. (See sketch of Charles J. Dannatt elsewhere in this volume.) Mrs. Middlemas was reared and educated in this county. Our subject and his wife have seven children: Edwin, who is now living on his father's ranch, in South Dakota; Earl, a street car conductor, of Chicago; Bertha, a trained nurse, of Moline, Illinois; Amy, at home; W. V., who has a position in a mercantile store in DeWitt; and Lottie and Marion, who are attending school in DeWitt.

After his marriage Mr. Middlemas remained on the old homestead farm in Scott county, to which he succeeded after his father's death, having purchased the interests of the other heirs. He always gave considerable attention to the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs, fattening from three to five carloads of stock for market each season. He also bought stock from other farms and shipped the same, being one of the most successful stock dealers in this section of the state. He continued to reside upon his farm until 1899, when he purchased a good residence in DeWitt, and took up his residence there on the 28th of November, that year, since which time he has practically lived a retired life, though he still looks after and keeps up the farm.

In his political views Mr. Middlemas is a Democrat, but cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864, and at local elections votes for the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. He has never cared for official honors, but has always taken a deep and commendable interest in educational affairs, and was a member of the school board for some years. He is widely known as a man of sterling worth and strict in-

tegrity, and is held in the highest respect by his many friends throughout Scott and Clinton counties.

JOSEPH E. MORAN.

Joseph E. Moran, who is now so efficiently serving as sheriff of Clinton county, is one of the honored sons and most distinguished residents of the county. He was born in Eden township on the 11th of November, 1858, his parents being James and Catherine (Winter) Moran. The father was a native of County West Meath, Ireland, and the mother was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was in 1844 that James Moran emigrated to America and took his residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the livery business until 1852, when he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land in Eden township, which he improved and finally sold to George Burkenshaw. His first home here was a little board house of one room, but he prospered in his farming operations, and in 1873 purchased the old Barr farm of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land, which he converted into one of the best farms in the locality. This place is still owned by his widow, who makes her home with out subject in Clinton. The father died in 1891, at the age of sixty-eight years.

The subject of this review passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and attended the public schools of the neighborhood. He began his business career when a young man as a clerk in Clinton, and in 1880 entered the employ of C. Lamb & Son as watchman, being employed in that capacity for four years. He was next shipping clerk for T. M. Gobble, a wholesale grocer, and was with the Chicago &

Northwestern Railway for a time. For six years he was a member of the police force of Clinton, and was then again with the railroad company until appointed deputy sheriff under T. J. Hudson, in which capacity he served for four years.

In 1899 Mr. Moran was elected sheriff on the Democratic ticket. The county has a very fine jail, erected in 1885, and occupied since the 6th of January, 1886. It is built of brick in modern style of architecture, and is three stories in height, with a basement for storage. The first floor is nicely fitted up as living rooms and office. The jail part is twenty-eight by thirty-six feet in dimension, with a cage in the center and cells for the prisoners, together with closets and bath-rooms. There are also two cells for women prisoners and an office for punishment. The place is well ventilated, heated by steam and lighted by electricity, in fact is supplied with all modern conveniences, being one of the best jails in the state. It is located on the court house square. It is worthy of note in this connection that there has never been a legal execution in this county. Mr. Moran is proving a very popular and capable official, and has the confidence and support of the best citizens of the county.

MARTIN INGWERSEN.

Martin Ingwersen, the junior member of the well-known firm of Arlen & Ingwersen, of Clinton, is a native of Germany, born in Schleswig-Holstein, June 16, 1860, and is a son of I. M. and Margareta Ingwersen, who spent their entire lives in that country. The mother died while our subject was serving in the German army, and

he found his father dead on returning to his native land to see him, having passed away the day our subject sailed from New York.

Mr. Ingwersen received his education in the schools of Germany, and at the age of nineteen entered the army, serving for three years in a cavalry regiment. On receiving his discharge in the fall of 1882, he came to the United States and settled in Clinton county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm during the following year. In 1884 he entered the employ of Gardner, Batchelder & Wells, and worked in their sawmill for a time.

In the spring of 1885 Mr. Ingwersen entered the service of Arlen & Son, and on the death of the senior partner, in 1890, he became a member of the firm, which was re-organized under the name of Arlen & Ingwersen. Business was first started by this company in 1870. They deal quite extensively in coal, wood, etc.; are agents for the following brewing companies: Pabst, of Milwaukee; Tosetti, of Chicago; and Anhauser-Busch, of St. Louis; and are engaged in the manufacture of soft drinks of all kinds, about sixteen in all. The last named branch of their business has become quite an important industry, and they make large shipments of pop throughout the surrounding country as far west as Ames, Iowa, a distance of two hundred miles. In the manufacture of soft drinks they use pure artesian water exclusively from a well twelve hundred feet deep, and put up the same in the latest crown cork bottles. Their bottling works and office are located at the corner of First street and Sixth avenue.

Mr. Ingwersen was married in Clinton, in 1886, to Miss Marie Carstensen, also a native of Germany, who died, leaving three children: Andrea, Paul and Ella; and for

his second wife he wedded Miss Frances Moeser, of Clinton, by whom he has two children: Hugo and Mollie.

Mr. Ingwersen is a prominent member of several civic societies, including the Knights of Pythias, in which he has served as treasurer, and engineer, with the rank of colonel, in the Iowa Brigade of the Uniformed Rank of that order. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of the Royal Arch, the Turners Society, and German Society. He has been president of both the Clinton County Liquor Dealers' Association and the Iowa State Bottlers' Association; and is a delegate to the national convention of the Bottlers' Association, at Cleveland, in October, 1901. As president of the Clinton County Liquor Dealers' Association, he has used every honorable means to bring about a just and satisfactory settlement, representing popular public sentiment; and his position has met with the approval of the county and city officers as well as the representative business men of the city. In 1900 he was presented with a very fine gold medal by that association in appreciation of services rendered as president of the organization.

THOMAS RICHARDSON.

Thomas Richardson, the well-known secretary of the Union Building Association, of Clinton, Iowa, and one of the influential business men of Clinton, was born in Staffordshire, England, July 30, 1836, and came to the United States in 1842, with his parents, Thomas and Ann (Wilson) Richardson, the voyage being made on an Irish brig, the Panther, which was nine weeks and three days in crossing the ocean. The family landed in New Orleans and from

that place came up the Mississippi to St. Louis, where the father made the first fire brick ever manufactured in America. He continued to follow that occupation throughout his active business life, and died at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His wife died in 1849, at the age of fifty-two. They were the parents of fourteen children, but only three are now living, namely: Thomas, of this review; Mrs. Sarah Hambleton, of St. Louis; and Mrs. Keziah Brewerton, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the free schools of St. Louis, but at the age of ten years was obliged to leave school and earn his own livelihood, his educational advantages being therefore limited. When fourteen years old he commenced learning the barber's trade, which he followed quite successfully for forty-four years, a part of this time being spent in Alton, Carrollton and Whitehall, Illinois.

In 1858 Mr. Richardson was united in marriage with Miss Felitzitas M. Kraus, a native of Ziddersitz, Oberfranken, Bavaria. Her parents died when she was very young. By this union were born five children, namely: John, who in early life followed the barber's trade, but is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business, in Clinton, married Elizabeth Scott, and they have two children: Charles S. and Fay. George W. is a barber, of Clinton. Henry B. married Edith Langenhagen, and also follows the barber's trade. Anna is the wife of J. B. Keithley, and they have one child, Lola V. Sadie is a milliner of Walla Walla, Washington.

On the 6th of April, 1865, Mr. Richardson came to Clinton, Iowa, and as a barber began business on Front street, continuing to follow his trade long after he became interested in the Union Building Associa-

tion, which was organized September 17, 1873, with George Haywood as president, and our subject as secretary. It has grown wonderfully, and to-day ranks among the best companies of its kind in the state. Mr. Richardson is still secretary, while L. P. Allen is president of the association. They have a very roomy office on Fourth avenue, with the largest vault in the city. Mr. Richardson discontinued work at his trade about ten years ago, as the work of the association needed all of his attention, and he has displayed excellent business and executive ability in its management, the success of the enterprise being due entirely to the capability of its officers. When he first became interested in the association he kept his papers in an old soap box, and the prosperity that has come to him is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts. He built and sold the building now occupied by the Postal Telegraph Company, at 509 Second street, and at one time owned the lots at 601 and 603 Sixth avenue, and still owns three dwellings at 611, 613 and 615 Sixth avenue. He is a member and past grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge, of Clinton, and is also connected with the Iowa Workmen, No. 16.

WILLIAM L. SMITH.

William L. Smith, who for twenty-three years has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, was born in Boone county, Illinois, May 12, 1853. His father, Joseph C. Smith, was born in Addison county, Vermont, in 1817, and was a farmer by occupation. On leaving the Green Mountain state, he took up his residence near Belvidere, Illinois, and there he entered land. Upon the farm which he de-

veloped his sons were born. His wife, Polly P. Hemenway, was also born in the same county in Vermont in which his birth occurred, first opening her eyes to the light of day in 1824. She is now a resident of Bridgeport, Vermont. Both the father and mother of our subject are representatives of Puritan ancestry and their people were pioneers of Massachusetts. After residing in Illinois for some time, Joseph C. Smith returned to his old home in Vermont, where he educated his family and lived until his death, which occurred in 1897. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church. They were the parents of ten children, of whom one son died in infancy, while Henry died at the age of two years; Milo at the age of four months; Marie Emily at the age of twenty-two years, and Eva P. when eight years of age. The others are, Frederick, who was formerly a preacher and is now in the employ of the railroad company, living in Chicago; Asa H., a truck gardener, and also an employe in a straw hat factory at Foxboro, Massachusetts; William L.; Stella A., wife of Edward Billings, of Addison county, Vermont; and Sarah B., wife of Charles Palmer, also of Addison county. The children were educated in an academy of that county and remained at home until they went to homes of their own.

William L. Smith attended the common schools and also spent two years in the academy. At the age of seventeen he began working as a farm hand and for two years he engaged in collecting. In 1876 he came to Clinton, Iowa, where he has since made his home, voting for twenty years in the second ward of this city. In 1877 he began working for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company on the drawbridge, and also ran the engine. He was watchman for one year and in 1879 he was made fireman,

running between Clinton and Belle Plaine. In March, 1886, he was promoted to engineer and is now running in the passenger service. He has never met with any accidents in which the blame was attached to himself.

Mr. Smith was married in 1880 in De Kalb, Illinois, to Ella A. Salesbury, who was born in Buffalo, New York, in June, 1855, and was educated in De Kalb. Her father was a speculator and a very prosperous man. Mr. and Mrs. Smith now have two daughters: Eva P. and Maud S., both at home, and graduates of the Clinton high school. Eva is also a graduate of the Clinton Business College and Maud is taking a course in music. Mr. Smith purchased the family home in 1887 and in 1899 rebuilt the house which is situated at No. 220 Seventh avenue. It is supplied with all modern equipments and is a very attractive residence. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; and since 1887 he has been identified with Clinton Division No. 125, B. L. E., in which he has held various offices. In his business his unquestioned fidelity to duty is most marked and he enjoys the unqualified confidence of the road which he has represented through almost a quarter of a century.

SAMUEL B. WALKER.

Prominent among the business men of Calamus is Samuel B. Walker, who for nearly thirty years has been closely identified with the history of that place, and his name is inseparably connected with its commercial and banking interests. He was born at North Augusta, Ontario, Canada, October 28, 1848, and is a son of William and Nancy (Bellamy) Walker. The father was

also a native of Canada, where he continued to make his home until twenty-two years of age, when he went to Akron, Ohio, where he became a naturalized American citizen, and was engaged in the grocery business at that place. In 1847 he married his second wife, the mother of our subject.

On leaving home at the age of sixteen years, Samuel B. Walker went to Watertown, New York, where he was employed as office boy in a hotel for a time. Later he spent a short time in Albany working on the canal, and then went to New York city, being there when President Lincoln was elected for a second term in 1864. Returning home, he taught school through the following winter, and in March, 1865, went to Titusville, Pennsylvania, where he remained until the fall of 1866. He then attended school for nearly a year, and receiving a certificate to teach, he taught school in Canada for one year, after which he was variously employed for a time.

On the 14th of August, 1868, Mr. Walker arrived in DeWitt, Iowa, and found employment with the firm of Meredith & Walker, furniture dealers of that place, for whom he opened a branch store in Clarence, Iowa, remaining there until December, 1868, when they sold out. Mr. Walker then went to Cedar Rapids, where he engaged in the grocery business for a time. In 1869 he came to Calamus, and after teaching school north of the village for four months he bought a small stock of groceries and embarked in business there. Soon afterward he turned his attention to the drug business, but sold out in 1870 and went to Lyons, where he engaged in the hotel business under the firm name of Carr & Walker for a short time. On disposing of his interest in that enterprise he engaged in the fire insurance business in Calamus until



SAMUEL B. WALKER.

February 14, 1872, when he again embarked in the drug and grocery trade, carrying on business at that place with John Du Bois until the latter's death, in April, 1875, when he gained entire control and continued in that line of business until 1889, when he sold out and has since engaged in the furniture business. He has been president of the Exchange Bank of Calamus since its organization; and a director of the First National Bank and the Farmers and Citizens Bank of DeWitt since they were incorporated. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with various business enterprises have been of decided advantage to his section of the county, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Walker was married at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 8, 1880, to Miss Henrietta Priestly, a native of Clinton county, and a daughter of George and Roxanna Priestly, who were residents of Calamus, Iowa. The father was a native of England, the mother of Illinois. Throughout his active business career Mr. Priestly followed farming, and spent the most of his life in Iowa, where he died at the age of fifty-eight years. His widow still survives him, and continues to make her home in Calamus. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker are as follows: Ethel, now the wife of N. M. Everhart, a merchant of Oxford Junction, Iowa, by whom she has one child, Ray; Alice, who is now attending Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa; Charles, at home, Frances, who is attending school in Calamus; and Ray, who died on the eight anniversary of his birth.

Fraternally Mr. Walker is a member of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 184, A. F. & A. M., of Wheatland, the Independent Order of

Odd Fellows at Grand Mound, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeoman Brotherhood of America, in all of which lodges he has held office. His life is a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish, and it is to such men that the west owes its prosperity, its rapid progress and its advancement.

MATHEW REDDEN.

Mathew Redden, a self-made man of sterling qualities who is now living a retired life in Clinton, Iowa, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, some sixty years ago, and is a son of Mathew and Honore (Quigley) Redden, who were farming people and life-long residents of the Emerald Isle, both attaining a good old age. In the family were nine children who reached man and womanhood, of whom only three came to the new world, these being Mathew, our subject; Michael, also a resident of Clinton; and Mrs. N. J. White, who formerly lived in this city, but now makes her home in Chicago.

In his native land our subject was reared and educated and there followed agricultural pursuits until coming to America in 1862. On the 15th of September, that year, he arrived in Clinton, and after working on a farm for a short time he obtained the position of watchman at the Lamb mills. So faithfully did he serve his employers that he was retained in that capacity for the long period of nineteen years. He purchased two lots where he now lives and erected a house, which is to-day a part of the Elias Allison residence. When he first took up his abode here there were no houses in that part of the city, but it is now all built up.

In 1875 he erected his present comfortable residence, and has planted around it both shade and fruit trees, making a very pleasant and attractive home. In 1883 Mr. Redden purchased a fine farm of two hundred acres in Ida county, Iowa, on which he made many improvements in the way of buildings, and for seven years successfully engaged in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle, of which he usually kept about sixty head. Since 1890 he has rented his farm and lives retired in Clinton, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

On the 24th of November, 1865, Mr. Redden was married by Rev. Father James to Miss Bridget Redden, also a native of County West Meath, Ireland, and a daughter of James Redden. Their wedding ceremony was the first service conducted in the Catholic church of Clinton, which was then located where the grammar school now stands, and which has since been moved and converted into a dwelling. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Redden were born six children, namely: Mathew, who is now employed in the Lamb mills; James, who became a fine portrait artist but died at the age of twenty-eight years; William, stage manager at the opera house in Clinton; John, a brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; Nellie, at home; and Edward, who is also an artist of exceptional ability, and his masterpiece was on exhibition at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo.

J. F. T. STAMM.

The subject of this sketch is the junior member of the firm of Ingwersen & Borbeck, which was organized August 23, 1897, and commenced business at that time. The firm consists of N. E. Ingwersen, J. Bor-

beck and J. F. T. Stamm, all residents of Lyons. They are dealers and manufacturers of lumber, making a specialty of flooring, ceiling, moulding and everything in the planing mill line, which they manufacture, while they deal in sash, doors and blinds, besides heavy lumber of all kinds. The first year the firm did only a retail business, but has since built up a large wholesale trade, having doubled their business, which now amounts to about two hundred thousand dollars annually. They buy all their lumber at Stillwater, Minnesota, and raft it down the Mississippi, their mill being located about one-half mile north of the bridge at Lyons. The logs which they buy, however, are manufactured into lumber in the north before shipment and are here made into specialties, about forty men being employed in this work. The office of the company is located at the corner of Main and Eighth streets, Lyons, and is in charge of Mr. Stamm, while Mr. Borbeck has general supervision of the retail trade; and Mr. Ingwersen is in charge of the work around the mill. They constitute a very strong and reliable firm, and have built up what is to-day one of the important industries of the city.

Mr. Stamm was born in London, England, April 2, 1872, a son of Hermann and Cornelia (Todsén) Stamm, both natives of Germany and now residents of Hamburg, where the father is living retired. While living in London he was a live-stock commission merchant and followed that occupation during his active business life. In 1879 he came to America on a visit.

Our subject, who is the only son in the family of three children, was reared in London, where he attended school until fifteen years of age, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Eiderstedt, Germany, where he spent about a year and

a half in gaining a practical knowledge of farming, and then entered the University Kiel, where he took an agricultural course. In 1893 Mr. Stamm came to America for the purpose of attending the World's Fair in Chicago, and later attended the Mid-Winter Fair in San Francisco. He next went to Hawaii, where he spent six weeks, and on his return to the United States settled in Chicago, where he worked in the stock yards during the winter and on farms in summer. In 1897 he came to Clinton, Iowa, and has since engaged in the lumber business with the firm of which he is now a member.

Mr. Stamm was married in 1897 to Miss Agnes Ingwersen, a daughter of N. E. Ingwersen, one of his partners, and to them were born twin boys in 1898, Hermann and Claus, but the former died the following year. Having traveled extensively, Mr. Stamm is an exceedingly well informed man, possessing the broad general knowledge of men and events which only travel can bring. His social, genial nature makes him quite popular, and he is a staunch and loyal friend, fond of good fellowship.

JOHN J. SMITH.

Accounted one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Clinton county, John J. Smith well deserves representation in this volume. He was born in York, Illinois, April 13, 1856, and is a son of Ithamer Smith, whose history precedes this record. Coming with his parents to Clinton county in his childhood, he attended the common schools of Bloomfield township, pursuing his studies until twenty years of age, when he put aside his text books, and gave his

entire time to assisting his father in the work of the home farm. Practical experience well qualified him for his duties in the fields and made his labors profitable.

On the 4th of January, 1876, in Maquoketa, Iowa, Mr. Smith was joined in wedlock to Miss Eliza M. Dell, who was born in Canada September 17, 1857, a daughter of Sullivan and Elizabeth (Current) Dell, both of whom were natives of Canada. Their marriage was celebrated in the British province, and in 1868 they came to the United States, locating near Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where the father rented a farm which he cultivated for about eight years. He then removed his family to the town while he went to Nebraska, returning after a year. He was then engaged in the hotel business in Maquoketa for about two years, after which he operated a rented farm east of the city for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed his family to Maquoketa and he then went to the Black Hills, remaining for a year, after which he spent four years in Maquoketa, going thence to Delmar. He located upon Mr. Smith's fruit farm, which he is now managing. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dell have been born four children: Stella, who died at the age of seventeen years; Mrs. Smith; Freeman, a farmer of Maquoketa, who married Jewel Beaman and has one child; and Phebe, wife of Edward Nason, who is interested in mining in Denver, Colorado.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been blessed with one child, Nellie M., who was born in Bloomfield township, November 6, 1886. They have a pleasant home in the township and Mr. Smith devotes his energies to agricultural pursuits, which he follows along progressive lines, his labors returning to him good harvests which bring

him a comfortable income. He is a member of Monitor Lodge, No. 330, Free and Accepted Masons, of Delmar; Eastern Star Lodge, No. 210; the Camp of Modern Woodmen, No. 219; and the Camp of the Brotherhood of America, No. 119, all at Delmar. In his political views he is a Republican and has acceptably served as justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He has been school director and president of the school board and has labored earnestly to secure good schools and competent teachers. He holds membership with the Methodist church, was for two years one of its trustees and is now serving on that board. He supports in helpful manner the various movements which tend to benefit the community along material, social, intellectual and moral lines.

JACOB F. BURKHARDT.

Jacob F. Burkhardt, who since 1899 has made his home in Clinton, was born in Baden, Germany, April 16, 1853, a son of Jacob and Dora (Baker) Burkhardt. The former died in Germany, but the mother came to America and spent her last days in Oswego, Illinois. She was here married to T. Fresh, who died in 1863, leaving two children: George, a resident of Plattville, Illinois, and Eliza, wife of Mingo Stancil, who resides in Florida.

The subject of this review was brought to America in March, 1857, by his aunt, Barbara Baker, who is now living in Oswego, Illinois. His mother had come to this country the year previous. He was educated in the common schools of Oswego, and at the age of fourteen put aside his text books. He then went to Belle Plaine, Iowa, with his uncle, C. Kurn, who is now a resi-

dent of Luzerne, Iowa. The uncle purchased a farm and Mr. Burkhardt worked thereon for a year. In the fall of 1867 he began working in the round-house as engine wiper. He afterward went to Omaha and for a year was employed on a gravel train, returning thence to Belle Plaine, where he again worked in the round-house until the fall of 1870, when he went upon the road as fireman. He worked under William Boam as foreman, and afterward under W. A. Scott. Mr. Burkhardt continued to serve as fireman for eight years, and was then promoted to engine dispatcher, while on the 5th of March, 1879, he was assigned to a position of engineer, running both east and west from Belle Plaine. He was in charge of the fast mail No. 15, for twenty-five months. In April, 1899, he came to Clinton and now runs between this place and Boone, having charge of train No. 5, the Colorado special to Boone, and returning on No. 2, the overland limited, two of the best trains on the road. Since being on the road he has never met with any accidents and has the entire confidence of the company. In fact, he is regarded as an expert engineer and his promotion is a recognized tribute to his skill and ability. He has worked under six general mechanics and seven general division foremen. He was at the front on the construction of the road from Tama to Webster City, and was the first to cross the river at Gifford.

On the 8th of August, 1873, at Belle Plaine, Mr. Burkhardt married Miss Sarah Richards, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, in 1845, and was living in Belle Plaine with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Richards, at the time the wedding was celebrated. They now have seven children: Sybil, wife of J. M. Woodruff, who is in the marble business at Marengo, Iowa,

and has two children; Louis, who is engine dispatcher at Tama; William, who is employed in a grocery store at Belle Plaine; Almeda, wife of William H. Smith, of Clinton; Ruth and Ruby, twins, the latter an employe in the round-house; and Elmer, at school.

Mr. Burkhardt owes his success and advancement in life to his own efforts and his close application to duty. He is a member of Clinton Division, No. 125, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which he joined in 1880. He was formerly associated with Boone Division, No. 6, and with Belle Plaine Division, No. 526, of which division he was secretary and treasurer. In 1888 he joined the Odd Fellows society and is now a member of both subordinate lodge and encampment, belonging to Belle Plaine Lodge, No. 151, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is likewise connected with the American Lodge, No. 42, of Clinton, and belongs to Clinton Lodge, No. 1, K. L. G. P. In manner he is genial and jovial, and wherever he goes he wins friends.

JOSEPH K. MILBOURNE, M. D.

Although comparatively a recent acquisition to the goodly array of professional men in Clinton, the subject of this review has already gained a foremost place among the successful physicians and surgeons engaged in practice here, his office being at No. 305 Howes Block. He was born near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, February 29, 1852, a son of J. A. and Elizabeth (Kinkead) Milbourne, the former a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, the latter of Ohio. The Milbourne family originated in Scotland and from there removed to England. Among its most prominent represen-

tatives was Viscount Melbourne, who occupied a prominent position in the British government at the coronation of Queen Victoria. The Kinkead family is of Irish descent and very prominent in Belfast, Ireland. On the maternal side the Doctor traces his ancestry back to his great-grandfather. His grandfather, John L. Kinkead, was born in 1785, and served in a regiment in the war of 1812. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject fought for the freedom of the colonies as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The Doctor's grandfather Milbourne was an architect by profession, and was killed by a falling stone while building a court house in Ohio. The father was a cabinetmaker and spent almost his entire life in the Buckeye state. During the Civil war he served as master of transportation at Nashville, Tennessee. In his family were four children, namely: Mary, wife of William Gruber, of Kansas; Sarah, wife of J. P. Morling, of Iowa City, Iowa; John F., a resident of Elwood, Indiana; and J. K., our subject.

Dr. Milbourne was educated at Muskingum College, where he pursued a scientific course and was graduated with the degree of B. S., in 1869, at the age of seventeen years. Subsequently he entered the medical department of the State University at Iowa City, Iowa, and after his graduation in 1881, opened an office in Muscatine county, where he was engaged in practice one year. He then removed to Mechanicsville, Cedar county, where he followed his profession very successfully until coming to Clinton in 1898. He makes a specialty of the diseases of women, and is considered one of the ablest physicians of the city. Dr. Milbourne has frequently done post-graduate work at Chicago, New York, Philadelphia

and Baltimore, and has especially fitted himself for the surgical work of his specialty and is a successful operator, being frequently called on to perform what is known as the major operations.

In 1881 Dr. Milbourne was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lamb, of Muscatine county, and to them have been born two children, Vera and Genevieve. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also belongs to the State Medical Society, the Iowa District Union Medical Society, and the Clinton Medical Society. He is medical examiner for the following life insurance companies: The Phoenix; the Mutual, of New York; the Aetna and Atlantic of Hartford, Connecticut; also for the Modern Woodmen of America, the tribe of Ben Hur and Fraternal Choppers. He was appointed under Benjamin Harrison's administration a special member of the board of pension examiners of Iowa, but resigned when Grover Cleveland was elected president, but was re-appointed under President McKinley, but resigned upon moving to Clinton. He is a man of deep research and careful investigation and has been eminently successful in the prosecution of his chosen profession.

ROBERT LEE BOURNE.

R. L. Bourne, who is familiarly known as Dick by his many friends throughout the county, owns and operates a valuable farm of two hundred acres adjoining the village of DeWitt, it having been the home of the family since pioneer days. He is living in the house where he was born, March 29, 1868, and since reaching man's estate has been prominently identified with

the farming and stock raising interests of that locality.

Hon. James D. Bourne, the father of our subject, was born in Prince William county, Virginia, January 27, 1811, and was a son of William Bourne, a native of Calvert county, Maryland, born in 1776. In 1812 the family moved west and settled in Spencer county, Kentucky, where William Bourne followed farming for a number of years, and in 1824 went to Hannibal, Missouri, where the following year was passed, that place being then a mere hamlet with a few cabins. He next bought land in Lewis county, that state, where he opened up a farm and continued to make his home there until death.

The father of our subject remained with his parents until 1832, and then started out in life for himself, going first to Galena, Illinois, where he worked in the mines for about a year. He then went to Potosi, Grant county, Wisconsin, where he purchased a mine and erected a furnace, being engaged in business there for about a year. From 1833 until 1836 he followed mining in Dubuque, Iowa, and then joined his brother in Clinton county, having taken up a claim on the Wapsipinecon river, on which they built a double log house. During the following winter he engaged in hunting and trapping, and on his return to Dubuque in the spring found a commission as postmaster of Wapsipinecon awaiting him. While filling that office he and his brother commenced to improve their land. In 1840 he removed to the present site of DeWitt, where he made his home with Colonel Wheeler for a time, but the following year began the erection of the house now occupied by his son, hauling the lumber from Camanche, Iowa. In 1841 he was married here to Miss Christian Dennis, who

was born near Lockport, New York, and was a daughter of Absalom Dennis, also a pioneer of this county. Mr. Bourne took a very active and prominent part in public affairs during early days, and was the first sheriff in Clinton county, being appointed by Governor Dodge in 1840, and serving eight years. He was also collector of the county one year, at which time the collections only amounted to three hundred dollars. In 1851 he was elected recorder and treasurer, in which capacity he served for two years, and in 1848 was elected to the state legislature. Originally he was an old line Whig and later a Democrat in politics. At one time he studied law and was admitted to the bar, but never engaged in practice. He was a self-educated and self-made man, and during a successful business career accumulated a large estate. He was very prominent and influential and was well-known in this and adjoining counties. He died here in 1893, and his wife passed away in 1890.

R. L. Bourne, whose name introduces this review, is the only son in a family of ten children, four of whom are still living. He obtained his literary education in the public schools of DeWitt, and in aiding in the operation of the home farm he early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After his father's death he succeeded to the home place, and has since made many improvements thereon, including the erection of a good large barn. For ten or twelve years he has been engaged in feeding stock for market, and is also interested in breeding a high grade of road horses. In business affairs he has met with excellent success and is accounted one of the substantial men of the community. He is interested in the

Electric Light Company, and the Savings Bank, of which he was a charter member.

At DeWitt, in the fall of 1894, Mr. Bourne was united in marriage with Miss Alta Louise Harrington, who was also born in this county and was reared and educated in DeWitt. She is a daughter of L. S. Harrington, the present mayor of DeWitt, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Our subject and his wife have two children: James H. and Robert Irl.

In his political views Mr. Bourne is a Democrat, but at local election when no issues are involved he votes for the best man regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and his wife is connected with the Eastern Star Chapter of the Masonic order. A man of superior executive ability and sound judgment, he occupies an enviable position in business circles, and he has the respect and confidence of all who know him.

JOSIAH L. RUMERY.

For many years the subject of this review was successfully engaged in the grocery business in Clinton, but is now living a retired life. He was born in Lockport, Niagara county, New York, July 8, 1830, a son of Jonathan and Eunice (Libbie) Rumery, both natives of Maine, and a grandson of Jonathan and Priscilla Rumery, who were also born in the old Pine Tree state. The grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He was quite a successful man and spent his last days in Niagara county, New York, where he owned and operated a farm. He died when about ninety years of age, and his wife was two

years younger at the time of her death. Their children were: Jonathan, Ezra, Moses, Priscilla and Margaret.

At an early day the father of our subject walked from his old home in Maine to Niagara county, New York, in search of a suitable location, and there purchased of the Holland land agents one hundred and fifteen acres of land. This included a marshy tract, for which he paid three dollars per acre, while for the remainder he paid five dollars per acre. He walked to Batavia, New York, to pay for this property. After improving his farm he found that the marshy tract was the most valuable, and at his death the place was sold for eighty dollars per acre. He was so well pleased with his investment that he persuaded his father and others to remove to the same locality. He died at the age of seventy-two years, honored and respected by all who knew him. His first wife died when about fifty years old, leaving six children, namely: Jeremiah, Silsberry, Jonathan D., Solomon, Ruth A., and Josiah Libbie, our subject. For his second wife the father married Mrs. Eunice Webb, a daughter of Leander Anderson. She had two sons and three daughters by her former marriage. Angeline Webb, one of the daughters, became the wife of our subject. Mrs. Rumery was previously married, her first husband being Peter Kurwin, who died, leaving one daughter, Luella, now the wife of Z. D. Anguish, of Chicago, by whom she had two children, Nellie and Maud. Mrs. Rumery died in California, in 1898, at the age of sixty-three years.

At the age of twenty-five our subject came to Iowa on a visit, and was so well pleased with the country that he came west to live five years later. He was employed on the Galena Railway as brakeman for a

short time, but not liking that occupation, he went to Montana, where he was engaged in mining for two years. In 1863 he came to Clinton, Iowa, where he was first employed as clerk in a grocery store, and in 1869 embarked in the same line of business on his own account in partnership with his son-in-law, Z. D. Anguish. They conducted a store on Second street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. While engaged in clerking Mr. Rumery bought the lot on which the Weston block now stands, and built a house and store for the millinery business. When Mr. Anguish retired from the firm Mr. Rumery continued the business alone until 1888, when he took in a Mr. Illiman, and they continued in active business till 1893. They sold out and our subject has since lived retired. He has a nice residence at 234 Sixth avenue, while the house which he erected on the site of the Weston block was moved to the south part of the city and converted into a private dwelling. By his untiring industry and sound business judgment he has won a merited success in life, and is in all respects worthy the high regard in which he is held by his fellow men. In politics Mr. Rumery supports the Republican party, but has never cared for public office, preferring to devote his entire time to his business interests.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH D. FEGAN.

Among the leading citizens of Clinton is numbered Captain Joseph D. Fegan, who has for several years been successfully engaged in the abstract and real-estate business in this city. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1831, and at the age of eighteen years learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked very suc-



JOSEPH D. FEGAN.

cessfully for several years, but in 1849 he, like many others, decided that the "wild and wooly west" was the place for prosperity, and accordingly came to Iowa, spending a short time in Scott and Jefferson counties, but on the 7th of June, 1850, took up his residence in Clinton county, where for some time he was engaged in clerking in a store and working at his trade in Elk River township.

On the 26th of August, 1851, Captain Fegan led to the marriage altar Miss Ann M. Potts, who is a native of Wisconsin, having come to this state with her parents in 1839. By this union were born three children: Charles P., who is assistant general passenger and ticket agent of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, with headquarters at Dallas, Texas; Bessie, who became the wife of Ben C. Wilkens, died in March, 1894, leaving three little girls; and Maggie, who married Eugene Weston, now resides in Los Angeles, California. They have four children, three boys and one girl.

For two years after his marriage our subject was engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county, but at the end of that time he was appointed deputy sheriff and county assessor. In the spring of 1858 he took up his residence in Wheatland, where he successfully engaged in the lumber business, buying and shipping quite extensively, which he continued until the breaking out of the Civil war. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, in 1861 he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was appointed sergeant-major. Later he served as adjutant, and was then commissioned captain of Company B. On the recommendation of General Charles R. Wood, of the regular army, he was promoted to assistant adjutant general of the First Brigade, First Division, Fifteenth Army Corps,

and was commissioned by President Lincoln. After four years of faithful service he was mustered out September 19, 1865, as hostilities had ceased.

Upon returning to his home in Clinton, the Captain was elected county recorder, which position he acceptably filled for four years. Since his retirement from that office he very actively engaged in the abstract business, and owing to his wonderful memory he became known all over Clinton county as the walking encyclopedia. But this same year he sold his books, and now engages in it only at the request of his most intimate friends.

The Captain was appointed and made chairman of the commissions by Governor Jackson to locate the lines of battle on Look-out Mountain and Missionary Ridge. These lines were located for the purpose of erecting monuments to the memory of the different commands that participated in these important engagements. He was also commissioned by Governor Shaw to determine the location of the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at Vicksburg. The subject of this review has in his possession his commission which promoted him from a line captain to a position on the staff as assistant adjutant general of volunteers, which is signed by President Lincoln and Secretary of War E. M. Stanton. At the battle of Arkansas Post Captain Fegan was promoted to first lieutenant and adjutant of the regiment.

Our subject is very prominent in social circles, being a member of General N. B. Baker Post, No. 88, G. A. R., of Clinton; the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, and for fifty years he has been an honorary member of the I. O. O. F.

On coming to this state he had only a five-franc piece, and the prosperity that has come to him has been due entirely to his own unaided efforts.

THEODORE STOIK.

Among the leading railroad men who make their home in Clinton is Theodore Stoik, a conductor on the eastern Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. He was born in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, June 19, 1861, and is one of a family of eleven children, whose parents were Frank and Catharine (Rauber) Stoik, both natives of Germany, and among the very earliest settlers of Wisconsin. The mother's people came to this country in 1830, and located in New York. She is still living at the age of seventy-three years, and makes her home in Michigan, but the father died in Wisconsin about 1888.

In 1879, at the age of eighteen years, Theodore Stoik entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company in the capacity of brakeman, on the Peninsular division, running out of Escanaba, Michigan, where he made his home for some years. In 1882 he was promoted to conductor, and continued to run a train on that division until November, 1885, when he removed to Belle Plaine, Iowa, and was given a train on the old middle division. When it was consolidated with the eastern Iowa division, in the spring of 1897, he came to Clinton, and has since run a train from this place to Boone, being in charge of No. 15, going out of Clinton, and a refrigerator special, coming back, at the present time. Prior to this he was for two years conductor on No. 9, the fast mail west, and east on No. 20. The schedule time of No.

9 is seventy-five minutes for seventy-nine miles to the first stop out of Clinton. Mr. Stoik has never met with any serious accident and has never had a man fatally injured on his train. In this he has been exceptionally fortunate.

Mr. Stoik was married, September 22, 1886, to Miss Lulu J. Woodward, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, and to them were born two children: Lloyd W., now ten years old; and Vivian P. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Order of Railway Conductors, having been connected with the latter fraternity for sixteen years. Religiously he, with his wife, are members of the Baptist church, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Mrs. Stoik is a daughter of Laughlin and Lovena (Wilson) Woodward, the former born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, but who came to Mercer county, Illinois, at the age of twenty-two years, where he married Lovena Wilson, daughter of William Wilson, whose wife, Henrietta, lived to be one hundred and three years old. Mr. Woodward was at New Boston, Illinois, until the Civil war, was for three years in the service, and in 1865 moved to Belle Plaine, Iowa, where Mrs. Stoik was born and educated. He was in the grocery business there for a number of years, but now is a resident of Chicago. Mrs. Stoik is active in all the societies of the church, and is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

MERIL I. MEAD.

There is probably no more energetic or enterprising business man in Lyons than this well known dealer in coal, wood, flour and feed, whose place of business is on First

street. He was born in Morrison, Whiteside county, Illinois, February 25, 1856, a son of Meril and Harriet (Newlove) Mead, both of whom were natives of Springfield, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, Allen Mead, was born in Saratoga, New York, and shortly after the close of the war of 1812, in which he took part, he removed to Ohio, becoming one of the pioneers of Huron county. He made his home there only a short time and then went to Clarke county that state, where he spent the remainder of his life. His grandfather was the founder of the family in the new world, having come to this country from England during the eighteenth century. Our subject's maternal grandparents were natives of England and also early settlers of Ohio. Coming west in 1855, Meril Mead, Sr., located in Whiteside county, Illinois, where he followed farming for ten years, and then removed to Morrison where he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business throughout the remainder of his life, and also served as justice of the peace about twenty years. In his political views he was an ardent Republican and did all in his power to promote the interests of his party. He was elected coroner of Whiteside county and filled that office one term. He was an active and prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows from the time he attained his majority, and was the oldest member of the fraternity in Illinois at the time of his death. He died at Morrison in 1891, at the age of seventy years, but his widow still survives him and continues to make her home in that city. They were the parents of six children, of whom our subject is the only son. The others were Elizabeth, who died at the age of thirteen years; Rilla, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Ella, who died at the age of twenty-one; and Har-

riet and Eliza, twins, who are graduates of the high school of Morrison and still live in that place.

Mr. Mead, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared in his native town, and acquired a good practical education in its high school. At the age of twenty-two he commenced farming in Ustick township, Whiteside county, and continued to follow that pursuit for four years. In 1882 he went to Duluth, Minnesota, where he was engaged in the express and transfer business for three years, and at the end of that time he returned to Whiteside county, Illinois, and purchased a farm at Union Grove, which he operated for eight years. Mr. Mead came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1893, and has since engaged in the coal, wood and ice business. He also handles flour and feeds, and deals in building material, such as cement, plaster, lime and mason's supplies, besides acting as agent for the Acme Packet Company, whose line runs from Clinton to Davenport. He is to-day the oldest coal dealer in North Clinton or Lyons, and is an important factor in her business circles.

In 1878 Mr. Mead led to the marriage altar Miss Amelia Sherwin, also a native of Whiteside county, Illinois, and a daughter of Elijah O. and Mary (Stevens) Sherwin, who were natives of Vermont and Illinois, respectively. Seven children bless this union, all born in Whiteside county, Illinois, with exception of Maud, who was born in Duluth, Minnesota. In order of birth they are as follows: Edwin H., an electrician now in the employ of the Bay City Electric Company, of Berkeley, California; Meril; Maud; Mary; John; Mildred and Margaret.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Mead has always affiliated with the Republican party, and served as tax collector in Illinois. Socially he is an honored member of the In-

dependent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment, the Modern Woodmen of America, while both he and his wife are connected with the Mystic Workers of the World and Royal Neighbors, and he is secretary of both the Odd Fellows lodge and Mystic Workers. While a resident of Lyons a comparatively short time, he has become thoroughly identified with its interests, and is well known as a progressive and reliable business man, one who keeps abreast with the times. All who know him hold him in the highest esteem.

HENRY F. YULE.

One of the most trusted engineers in the service of the Northwestern Railway Company is the subject of this sketch, Henry F. Yule, who was born in Rochelle, Illinois, February 28, 1860, and has been employed since 1872 by the above company. His parents, Henry and Charlotte (Gentle) Yule, were natives of Scotland. The former born May 1, 1831, came to this country in 1858, and found employment with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at Rochelle, Illinois, while at Fulton he was wood agent for twelve years. This was a position of great responsibility, as it was the duty of the incumbent to see that all engines on the road were supplied with wood. This work was performed with so much satisfaction by Mr. Yule that upon taking up his residence in Clinton he received from the railway company a position as shipping clerk, which for several years he filled with much credit. Later he retired to a farm at Holstein, Iowa, which he had purchased in 1881. Mr. Yule has always enjoyed the best of health and throughout his life has been very prosperous. His estimable wife,

born in Scotland in 1835, died in Clinton in 1887. There were seven children born in this family, four of whom died in early childhood, while one son, Andrew, died in 1881 at the age of twenty-six years. Those living are: Margaret, who was born in Scotland; and H. F., the subject of this sketch. The family are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Yule is a Knight Templar Mason.

Henry F. Yule received his education in the schools of Fulton. At the age of thirteen he left school and went to work for the railroad company, cutting bolts and nuts in the machine shop, where he was employed for seven years. He then left Fulton and went to Hudson, Wisconsin, in 1879, where he secured a position in the machine shops of the railroad. He worked there for one year and then became brakeman, which position he held for one year. In 1881 he took up his residence in Clinton, and beginning as a fireman he worked for the Northwestern Railway Company in that capacity for five years, when, at the end of that time, having secured the confidence and esteem of his employers by his thorough attention to business, he was promoted to the post of engineer, which he has since filled.

Mr. Yule has an untarnished record as an engineer, never having had an accident either to himself or to his trains. During his residence in Clinton he has witnessed many changes both in the town of Clinton and in railway circles, and since having a regular run between Clinton and Boone has seen both towns grow and prosper.

Mr. Yule was married in October, 1885, to Miss Carrie Tingleff, who was born on the shores of Denmark in 1864 and came to this country when but eight years old. Her parents are Christian and Christina Tingleff, natives of Denmark, who took up their

residence in New York upon first coming to this country, and in 1872 moved to Clinton, Iowa. They were farmers by occupation but are now living retired lives in Clinton, the former having reached the advanced age of eighty-one years and the latter sixty-six. The four children born to our subject and wife are as follows: Alice, born October 23, 1886, attending high school; Susan, born April 3, 1888; Harry, born August 23, 1899, and George, who died in early childhood.

The success attained by our subject has been due solely to his own industry and energy. His opportunity for obtaining an education was very limited, but by constant application he has acquired that knowledge which in the daily performance of his duty has become so essential to him. In 1885 he purchased his home at 523 Ninth avenue, and has added many improvements to the same so that to-day he has a modern, comfortable dwelling for himself and family.

ARTHUR R. POTTER.

The expression, "the dignity of labor," is exemplified in the life record of this gentleman, whose success is due entirely to his own industry and untiring perseverance. He is now manager of the Chauncy Coal Company, dealers in wood and fuel, and is also one of the largest contractors of Clinton for excavating and filling in low land.

Mr. Potter is a native of Canada, born in Prescott, Ontario, October 29, 1852, and is a son of Arthur T. and Charlotte (Murrey) Potter. His maternal grandfather was Donald Murrey, who was of French descent, and at one time owned several ocean vessels. Our subject's father was

born in Montreal, Canada, of Scotch parentage, and throughout his active business life followed farming. He and his wife are both still living, he having celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday in May, 1901. Of the nine children born to them, one died at the age of twenty-one years, and there was not another death in the family until Joseph M. Potter, of Clinton, died May 2, 1900, at the age of fifty-two.

Arthur R. Potter passed the days of his boyhood and youth on a farm in Canada, and remained there until coming to Clinton, in 1876. On his arrival here he had only one four-dollar bill in Canadian money, and a little change. He soon found employment at teaming, and earning enough to meet his expenses he sent the bill back to his old home in Canada. By 1878 he had saved enough to purchase a team and began teaming on his own account. He also bought slab wood from the Clinton Lumber Company at twenty cents per load, and would then retail it, and has since continued in that business, though the price of wood has advanced so rapidly that he now has to pay one dollar and thirty-five cents per load for refuse wood. This he delivers throughout the city for two dollars and a quarter per load. In 1899 he was appointed manager for the Chauncy Coal Company, and has since acceptably filled that position. In 1881 he owned three teams, which are employed in filling lots, but his increasing business in this line now demands ten teams, which are in constant use. Mr. Potter has bought and sold a large number of horses, is a good judge of the noble steed, and has owned some very fine animals. He is not only engaged in excavating but also in terracing lots for houses, and to some extent carries on a transfer business. He is one of the most energetic, enterprising and

ambitious business men of the city, and is meeting with a well deserved success in all his undertakings. He now owns a fine residence and barns on Third avenue, and other property in various parts of the city.

In 1881 Mr. Potter was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Tate, a native of Freeport, Illinois, and a daughter of Rev. David and Sarah (Widensaul) Tate. Her father, who was a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, came to Lyons, Iowa, in 1856, and preached in the Clinton school house before any church had been erected here. Later he served as constable and justice of the peace. About ten years prior to his death he removed to Clinton, where he passed away at the age of eighty-three years. He was a son of William and Rebecca Tate, the latter of whom lived to the advanced age of one hundred and three years. Mrs. Potter's mother was sixty-seven years old at the time of her death. She had thirteen children, of whom eight reached maturity. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Potter have been born five children: Carrie Ray, who graduated at the Clinton high school in 1901; Hattie Belle; J. Ward; Harry Harrison; and Arthur L., who died at the age of four months. They have also given homes to two nieces: Maud Ethel, daughter of Edward and Anna Sherwood; and Nellie Fay, daughter of John and Nellie Raymond.

In his social relations Mr. Potter is a member of Lincoln Lodge, No. 42, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Encampment of the same order; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Mystic Workers of the World; the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept; and the Order of Ben Hur. His wife and daughter, Carrie, are members of the Rebecca Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the former has taken a very

active and prominent part in its work, serving as noble grand two terms and as delegate to the Grand Lodge, and is the chaplain of the degree staff of the same order. She is now serving her third term as Oracle in the Royal Neighbors, and is president of the staff in the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept, and is the only one in the state who gives the unwritten work letter perfect, at this time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Potter are members of the First Methodist church, and he is now a member of the board of trustees, while Mrs. Potter is an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society and is now serving as president. She is very prominent socially, and both she and her husband are widely and favorably known.

Mr. Potter has always been a staunch Republican, and in 1896 was superintendent of public works and served his constituents so well that he was only defeated by one vote for the next term.

JAMES W. BAILEY.

For a third of a century James W. Bailey has maintained his residence in Clinton and throughout the entire period has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. He was born in Manchester, England, December 18, 1851, his parents being Elijah and Mary (Lewis) Bailey. The mother came to Iowa from British Columbia and died at the home of her son, James, in 1899, at the age of seventy-two years.

Our subject was an only child and his youth was largely passed in Canada. His education being acquired in Toronto. He completed his course in the model school of the city. From early youth it was his desire to become an engineer and thus follow

in the footsteps of his father, who had thus been connected with railroad service in England and Canada. In 1865 Mr. Bailey began working in a round-house on the Grand Trunk road as an engine-wiper and subsequently he filled the position of fireman for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to Clinton, Iowa, and was fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Road until July 28, 1871, when he met with an accident which necessitated his retirement from the service for a time. After four months, however, he went to work in the office of Mr. Elliott, master mechanic, and in 1872 he was given a switch engine in the yards at Cedar Rapids, where he remained for a year. He was then transferred to Clinton and given a run between Clinton and Belle Plaine, having in charge a freight train until 1890, when he was given a passenger run between Clinton and Boone. He had that run on trains No. 2 and No. 5, until the first of April, 1891, when he was transferred to trains No. 15 and No. 6, the former being the fast mail. He has never met with an accident, a fact which largely indicates his carefulness and precision. He is a most trusted employe to the company and well merits the confidence reposed in him.

In Clinton, December 4, 1872, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bailey and Miss Louise Blattner, who was born, in Chicago in 1854, but was residing with relatives in Clinton at the time she became the wife of our subject. Her parents were born in Switzerland and died in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey now have two children: Adelia, wife of George Spauldings, who is engaged in clerking for the paper company of Clinton, and by whom she has one son, James R.; and Louise, at home. The children were educated in the

public schools of Clinton and Mr. Bailey has always taken great delight in providing for his family. In 1881 he purchased his present home, which stands as a monument to his enterprise and perseverance, for he entered upon his business career without capital and his success is the just reward of his labor. He belongs to Clinton Division No. 125, B. L. E., and in March, 1900, was elected its chief for a term of two years. He has been a member of the order since 1869, and has taken a deep and active interest in its work. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the blue lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory and the Mystic Shrine, and both he and his wife are members of the order of the Eastern Star. He likewise belongs to the Elks, and is a member of the Iowa Legion of Honor. During his long residence in Clinton Mr. Bailey has ever held the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated, and his worth as a man and citizen, as well as in business circles, is widely acknowledged.

JAMES LARGE.

Since March, 1858, the subject of this sketch has been a resident of Clinton county, and for many years was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm within three miles of DeWitt, but is now living a retired life in that village. He was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, on the 22d of June, 1848, and was a lad of ten years when he came to this county with his father, Thomas Large, who first bought a tract of eighty acres in DeWitt township, and later added to it until he had five hundred and eighty acres of land in the home place, besides ten acres of timber. Several times

he met with losses through fire and sickness, but he steadily prospered and became one of the most thrifty and substantial farmers of his community. He died on the old homestead in 1889. He was born in January, 1818.

After arriving at years of maturity our subject remained on the home farm with his father, assisting in its operation for some years. On the 25th of May, 1880, he was married in this county to Miss Emma White, who was born here. Her father, Hiram Mr. White, was a native of Virginia, where he was reared, and when a young man removed to Ohio and there wedded Miss Mary A. Redford, the mother of Miss White. In 1850 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and was engaged in business in DeWitt for five years. At the end of that time he located on a farm in Washington township, and for some years followed farming quite successfully, but retiring from active labor in 1881, he returned to DeWitt, where he died in December, 1882. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and took quite a prominent part in public affairs, serving one term as postmaster of DeWitt, and as justice of the peace for some years while living on the farm. His estimable wife survived him a number of years, dying on the 21st of April, 1901, at the age of seventy-two. Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Estel M., born June 11, 1881, and who completed the high school course at DeWitt and was graduated in June, 1901.

After his marriage Mr. Large located near the old homestead, where he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land, to which he later added eighty acres. To the cultivation and improvement of that place he devoted his energies for nine years, and then traded it for a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Clinton, which he op-

erated for about five years. Selling his farm in 1895, he purchased a lot in DeWitt and built a very pleasant residence, where he now makes his home. It is one of the best homes in the north part of town. Here Mr. Large is now living in retirement from active labor, enjoying a well-earned rest. His success in life is due to his own enterprise and industry, and he has not only gained the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort, but has also won the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life. On national issues he has always voted the Republican ticket since casting his first presidential ballot for General U. S. Grant in 1872, but at local elections supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines.

O. C. BAILEY.

Among the retired farmers who are now living in Delmar, Iowa, is numbered the worthy subject of this sketch. He is a native of New York, born in Washington county, July 11, 1830, and is a son of Howard and Polly (Cutter) Bailey. The family name originated in England, and from that country three brothers came to America in the Mayflower. They settled in Boston, Massachusetts, and all participated in the Revolutionary war. One of these was the paternal great-grandfather of our subject. Howard Bailey, our subject's father, was born near Boston, but spent the greater part of his life in Washington county, New York, where he died in 1878. There he married Polly Cutter, a native of that county, who, after his death came west and made her home



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with her daughter, Mrs. Brewster, at Delmar, Iowa, where she passed away in 1880. They had five children, but one died in infancy. The others were Elanson, who married Fannie Potter, now deceased, and lives in Tama county, Iowa; O. C., our subject; Sarah, who married Orson Brewster and both died in Delmar; and Leander, who married Martha Barber and lives on the old homestead in Washington county, New York.

O. C. Bailey grew to manhood in his native county, and attended school there and also in Vermont. On the 1st of January, 1852, he married Miss Clarissa Mason, also a native of Washington county, New York, and a daughter of Ebenezer and Delina Mason, who spent their entire lives in that state. She had two brothers and two sisters, namely: George, who married a Miss Ward and both died in Kalamazoo county, Michigan; Major, who married Elmina Jones, who died in Fort Dodge, Iowa, while he died in Kansas; Castera, who married Thomas Eddy and both died in Easton, Wisconsin; and Delina, who married Alexander Brown and both died in Washington county, New York.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were born six children, as follows: Sylvia, now deceased, was the wife of Lewis Hurley; Alice is the wife of Lineas Harrington, a farmer of Bloomfield township, this county; Howard married Nellie Shrigley, who is deceased; he lives in Delmar; Horace, deceased, married Jennie Smith, who also makes her home in Delmar; Frank married Fannie Keen and resides on the old homestead farm in Bloomfield township; and Dolly is the wife of Frank Griggs, of Pender, Nebraska. The mother of these children died on the 5th of February, 1885.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Bailey came to Iowa, and spent three years in Maquoketa working at the carpenter's trade. He then purchased eighty acres of land in Bloomfield township, Clinton county, and subsequently bought another eighty-acre tract, devoting his time and attention to the cultivation of his land until 1887, when he sold a part of his farm and rented the remainder. Since then he has lived a retired life in Delmar, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

Mr. Bailey was again married at Toledo, Tama county, Iowa, June 2, 1895, his second union being with Mrs. Harriet (Brewster) Hulett, who was also born in Washington county, New York, November 14, 1830, and is a daughter of Nathaniel Orin and Delight (Winchester) Brewster, both natives of Vermont. The Brewster family is also of English extraction and of Mayflower stock, and Mrs. Bailey's great-grandfather fought for the independence of the colonies in the Revolutionary war. Her father had a sister who lacked only three months of being one hundred years of age at the time of her death. After their marriage Nathaniel O. Brewster and wife removed to Washington county, New York, where he engaged in the lumber business and had extensive farming interests. His wife died there September 1, 1860, at the age of sixty-seven years, and his death occurred in Richfield, Minnesota, April 1, 1871, when he was eighty-one years of age. They had a family of nine children, namely: Loretta married Joseph Benjamin and both died in Delmar, Iowa; Benjamin W. married Sally Benjamin and both died in Ragan, Nebraska; Joel, who is an extensive cattle man, married Jane Hathaway and lives in Montrose, Colorado, and although eighty years of age he is able to spend an entire day in the saddle looking after his cat-

tle; Dennis is a widower and resides in Lincoln, Nebraska; Carver married Julia Baker and makes his home in Salem, Oregon; Harriet is the wife of our subject; Orson married Armina Bailey, a sister of our subject, and both died in Delmar; Emily died unmarried; and Mary Ann is the wife of Robert Thompson, of Richfield, Minnesota; he is now deceased. Mrs. Bailey was first married in Washington county, New York, March 9, 1851, to Alonzo A. Hulett, a native of that county, and to them were born two children: Orville A., who wedded Mary Bailey and lives in Tama county, Iowa; and Sarah C., deceased wife of Jerome Miller, a resident of Washington county, New York.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Bailey a staunch supporter of its principles, and as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the community, he has been called upon to fill most of the local offices, serving very satisfactorily as township assessor four years; secretary of the school board a number of years; and justice of the peace six years. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him. Mrs. Bailey is a member of the Methodist church, to which Mr. Bailey contributes.

JENS L. BOHNSON.

This well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Clinton is secretary of the Fourth Street Building Association, and is also engaged in the real estate and insurance business on his own account with office on Fourth street. He is a native of Germany, born in Schleswig-Holstein, May 13, 1864, and is a son of Bandick and Catherine (Jen-

sen) Bohnson, and a grandson of Jens Bohnson. The father was also born in Schleswig-Holstein, and being reared to agricultural pursuits, he made farming his life occupation. In 1882 he brought his family to America and located in Clinton, Iowa, where he is now living a retired life. His children are Jens L., Iver M., John M., Anson F., and Barney.

The early life of our subject was passed upon his father's farm in Germany, and at the age of eighteen years he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America. He began his business career as a clerk in a general store, and also engaged in farming for some time. Later he worked in the blind department of the Curtis Brothers sash and door factory, and then engaged in clerking for P. Davis & Company at the corner of Harrison and Liberty streets, whose store was long since destroyed by fire. He next clerked for G. Haywood & Son, and was later employed as bookkeeper by the Fourth Street Building Association. In 1895 he was elected secretary of that corporation, and in connection with his insurance and real estate business still holds that position, the other officers being S. C. Seaman, president; A. Jensen, vice-president; and P. S. Banister, treasurer. This association was established in 1873, and until liquidation was begun some four years ago it was one of the leading building associations of the city. Through it many fine houses have been erected, which otherwise would never have been built. Mr. Bohnson has a pleasant residence at the corner of Tenth avenue and Eighth street. As an insurance and real estate dealer he has built up a good business, which is constantly increasing, and he is numbered among the most wide-awake, energetic and progressive business men of the city.

In 1889, Mr. Bohuson married Miss Edith C. Durfee, of Clinton, and to them have been born two children, Van L. and Roland D. He is a member of American Lodge, No. 567, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand, and belongs to the encampment. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias at one time.

JOHN T. WHITSON.

This well-known conductor on the East Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, residing in Clinton, was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1845, and is a son of James H. and Catherine (Piatt) Whitson, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. In 1855 the family came to Iowa and settled in Cedar county, where the father died of typhoid fever a few months later. The mother long survived him, and departed this life at Santa Anna, California, in February, 1888. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary Bell, wife of William Aldrich, of Cedar county; Julia, wife of Jerry Hart, of Sac City, Iowa; Charlotte, deceased wife of James Rowell; Nancy, widow of Ward Hillyer; John T. our subject; Oscar, a banker of State Center, Iowa; and Robert, a resident of California.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of ten years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, at which time there was not a foot of railroad in the state. He had begun his education in the schools of Pennsylvania, and continued his studies for some time after coming to this state. In 1869 he commenced his railroad career as brakeman on the Chicago & Northwest-

ern Railway, running between Clinton and Belle Plaine. The road at that time only extended to Nevada, Iowa, and wood was the only fuel used. This was also during the days of the old-fashioned brake, and the railroad siding was limited. I. B. Howe, now deceased, was then superintendent of the road. After being employed as brakeman for five years and a half, Mr. Whitson was promoted to conductor, and ran a train for the same length of time. From 1877 to 1886 he served as chief of police of Clinton, and was then employed as secret service officer for one year. He went back to the road in 1886 as conductor and has served in that capacity ever since, his run being from Clinton to Boone, Iowa. During his entire railroad career, which covers nearly a quarter of a century, he has met with no accidents of any importance, and is considered one of the most trustworthy and reliable conductors on the road.

As a companion on life's journey Mr. Whitson, November, 4, 1872, married Miss Ida Deitz, a native of Ohio, and to them were born the following children: Grace, who is now clerking in the postoffice at Clinton; Bruce, who was killed in September, 1896, at the age of eighteen years; Oscar Leroy, who was graduated at the Northwestern Dental College, of Chicago, and is now engaged in practice; Frank, a civil engineer, who served in the Spanish-American war as a corporal of Company L, Fortyninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and went with his command to Cuba, where he served with distinction, although the youngest member of his regiment; and Marjorie and Glenn, who are both in school. Mrs. Whitson is a daughter of Jacob H. and Harriet L. (Wright) Deitz. The father was born in Schoharie county, New York, and the mother in Rochester, New York. He lo-

cated at Peoria, Illinois, where he was a merchant, and there the mother died. The father later moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where his death occurred.

As a Democrat Mr. Whitson has always taken an active and commendable interest in political affairs, and socially he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is very popular among railroad men, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Whitson are members of the Presbyterian church.

CHARLES H. JUDD.

Charles H. Judd, who is now so efficiently serving as justice of the peace in Clinton, was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, on the 4th of July, 1847, a son of Rev. Damon and Susan (Bartlett) Judd. The father devoted his life to the work of the ministry. Our subject was reared and educated in Concord, New Hampshire, receiving a diploma from the Worthington & Warner's Business College, whither the family removed during his childhood, and there he served an apprenticeship in a woolen mill. At the age of twenty-three he went to Honesdale, Pennsylvania, and later removed to Carbondale, that state, where he worked in the car shops of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad for some time. He was next employed as a lock tender on the Champlain canal at Whitehall, New York.

Desiring to see something of the west, Mr. Judd then went to Nebraska, and spent some years at various places this side of the Mississippi. In 1889 he located at Clinton, Iowa, where he worked as a jour-

neyman plasterer and bricklayer until 1895, when he was elected constable on the Republican ticket, and served as such until his election as justice of the peace in 1900. He is now filling the latter office in a most creditable and acceptable manner.

In 1896 Mr. Judd married Miss Edna Worden, of Alden, Illinois, and to them have been born two children, Quincy and Mary. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has taken quite an active and prominent part in promoting its interests. Fraternally he belongs to the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served as representative of the grand lodge of the state. He and his wife have taken the Rebekah degrees, and he is also a member of the American Yoemen, and Lumber City Camp, Woodmen of the World, and is now serving as clerk in the last named lodge.

EDWIN A. WORRELL.

Among the brave defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war was Edwin A. Worrell, who is to-day one of Clinton's most public-spirited and progressive citizens. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, November 12, 1843, and comes of a very patriotic and loyal family. His parents were Isaiah C. and Elmira R. (Kirk) Worrell, also natives of the Buckeye state, and the latter a sister of General Kirk, of Sterling, Illinois, who during the Rebellion raised a regiment at that place, and our subject's two brothers served under him. When Edwin was a lad of ten years the family removed to Whiteside county, Illinois, and first located at Hubbard's

Grove, in Jordan township, but in 1859 settled near Sterling, where he grew to manhood. There the father died in 1874, but the mother long survived him, and passed away in Pasadena, California, in 1900. There were nine children in their family, of whom James L. and Albert A. were both members of the Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. The former carried the colors at Shiloh when every man around him was killed, and after the battle was presented a flag by General McCook for bravery and also was tendered a commission but refused it. He is now a resident of Clinton, Iowa. Albert A., who was wounded in the battle of Stone River, makes his home in Perry, Iowa. Edwin A., our subject, is next in order of birth. William is a resident of Clarinda, Iowa, and Charles K., of Santa Anna, California. Elizabeth is the wife of Heman Dyer, city auditor of Pasadena, California. Katherine is the wife of Freeman Church, of the same place. Pasadena is also the home of Irvin B. and Lewis E., the two younger brothers of the family.

On the 27th of February, 1864, Edwin A. Worrell enlisted in Company C, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, under General Farnsworth, and during the battle of the wilderness, May 5-7, that year, he was detailed to carry dispatches from General Grant's headquarters to the other generals. July 4, 1864, the regiment being in Washington, were sent up the Potomac river to oppose Early on his invasion of Maryland and advances on Washington, and met him at Point of Rocks and drove him back across the river. Early then crossed the river at Middletown, and the regiment fought them all the way back through Frederick City to Monocacy Junction, Maryland, where they were met by the Sixth Corps. During the time Early

was in Maryland he was in the saddle and under fire almost constantly for twenty-seven days and nights, during which time they lost heavily, leaving Washington July 4, with eighty-four men in the company. Twenty-seven days later only twenty-eight men answered the roll call, and was also within the rebel lines for three days, during which time he was reported captured, his company being detailed to go down the Monocacy river and burn a bridge to prevent the enemy from crossing with their artillery. While thus employed they were cut off from the Union army. They participated in the engagements at Fort Stephens and Winchester, and then returned to the defenses of Washington, being known as the First Separate Brigade of the defenses of Washington, having been assigned to the defense of that city, including operations against Colonel Mosby's guerrillas. They were in the engagements at White Plains and Upperville, and were between Appomattox and Fairfax Court House when Lee surrendered, after which the regiment was detailed to go in pursuit of J. Wilkes Booth. Mr. Worrell has in his possession a bridle-bit which he captured from one of Mosby's men at Leesburg when his prisoner came between two fires in a hand-to-hand combat. At the close of the war he was mustered out at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, July 27, 1865, and returned to his home in Whiteside county, Illinois.

In December, 1866, Mr. Worrell was appointed deputy sheriff under L. A. Lincoln, and after serving in that capacity two years was elected sheriff, which position he most acceptably filled for six consecutive terms of two years each, this being a longer time than any other man in Illinois had held that office. In 1880 he became interested in North Dakota property, where he was in-

terested in the real estate business for several years, and at the end of that time returned to Whiteside county, Illinois, where he owned a very fine farm, and to its operation he devoted his energies until coming to Clinton, Iowa, in 1890. Here he has carried on the real estate and insurance business when his time was not occupied by his official duties, for here he has also been called upon to fill positions of honor and public trust. He efficiently served as chief of police of Clinton from 1892 to 1894, and in the spring of 1900 was elected councilman at large, in which capacity he is now serving. He also owns a farm of two hundred acres at Blue Grass, Iowa, and another at Onawa, Iowa, and also one in South Dakota.

Mr. Worrell married Miss Lucretia M. Lincoln, of Morrison, Illinois, who was born in New York, and is a daughter of Willard and Jalana Lincoln. They have three children living, namely: Clifford L. and Harry H. are now operating a stock farm at Blue Grass, Muscatine county, Iowa, in partnership. Clifford L. served as a member of Company L, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American war, and was with his regiment in Cuba. Anna Bell is the wife of E. F. Frink, a mail carrier of Clinton. Florence died in Morrison, Illinois, at the age of three years.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Worrell a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has taken quite an active part in politics. He is also prominently connected with several civic societies, and is at present commander of General N. B. Baker Post, 88, Grand Army of the Republic, at Clinton. He is also a member of Dunlap Lodge, 321, A. F. & A. M., of Morrison, Illinois; Keystone Chapter, R. A. M.,

of Clinton: the Knights of the Maccabees; and the Knights and Lades of the Golden Precept, and is serving as supreme vice-president of the last named order. As a soldier he was always found at his post of duty gallantly defending the old flag and the cause it represented, and as a public official and private citizen has been true to every trust reposed in him.

DOUGLAS MANSFIELD.

The subject of this sketch has been a resident of Clinton for twenty years and for twenty-one years an employe of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. He was born in Clayton, Iowa, January 22, 1863, and is a son of James and Sarah (Curran) Mansfield. His father, born in New York in 1835, came to Iowa in 1867 and settled in Clayton. Later he removed to Cedar Falls. His wife was born in Canada in 1838. Both of the above received their education in the district schools. To them were born four sons and two daughters. One son died in early childhood. The others were as follows: Allen died in Marshalltown, in December, 1899, aged twenty-eight years, and left a wife and two children. Benjamin lives in Marshalltown and is a conductor on the Iowa Central Railroad. Douglas is the subject of this sketch. Carrie is the wife of James McCullough, who is a conductor on the Iowa Central Railroad, and together they live at Grinnell, Iowa. Mary is the wife of D. Powell, employed in the freight department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and they are living in Marshalltown. These children were educated in the public schools of Cedar Falls, receiving the common school course.

At the time Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield came to live in Iowa, Clayton had but few inhabitants. In politics Mr. Mansfield is a Republican, and as stated above, has always been a strong party worker. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are held in the highest esteem by their many friends and acquaintances.

Douglas was educated in the common branches in the schools of Cedar Falls, where he lived with his parents from the time he was but a child until he went to work on the railroad at the age of nineteen years. He started as fireman and his runs were between Boone and Clinton. After five years as fireman he was rewarded for his faithful attention to duty and promoted to the position of engineer, and August 2, 1886, made his first trip in that capacity. In all his years of experience our subject has had but one accident, and this goes to show how thoroughly competent he is to accomplish the work he has so far undertaken.

In 1887 Mr. Mansfield married Miss Hannah Mellen, who was a native of England, but who came with her parents to this country and settled in Pennsylvania when a very young child, being but six years of age, and later came with them to Clinton, where she received her education in the public schools. Her mother is still living and is a resident of Clinton. To Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield have been born two children: John, born in 1893; and Mildred, born in 1895, both attending school.

The faith of the Methodist Episcopal church is that professed by our worthy subject and his wife, and he is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 125, which he joined in 1886. In politics he is a Republican, although he

takes no active part, simply doing his duty as a citizen.

Too much cannot be said to the credit of Douglas Mansfield. He is a self-made man in every sense of the word. His education has been the result of his own efforts, and his promotion has been due to close application to business and his faculty for hard work.

FRANKLIN P. BATCHELDER, M. D.

Dr. Franklin P. Batchelder, one of the foremost men in the medical profession now engaged in practice in Lyons, is a native of Iowa, born near Mitchell, Mitchell county, October 14, 1856, and is a son of William and Lucinda F. (Snow) Batchelder, and grandson of Ebenezer P. and Hannah (Lytle) Batchelder, who came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1854, and improved the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Swartz. The grandfather died at the age of sixty-eight years, his wife at the age of seventy-five. In their family were twelve children. The Doctor's maternal grandfather was Irvin H. Snow, an early settler of Clinton county, who was killed by falling from a wagon shortly after locating here and his widow subsequently married E. P. Batchelder.

William Batchelder, our subject's father, was born in Vermont, and came to Clinton county, Iowa, about 1854. Here he was married, and in 1855 he removed to Mitchell county. Three years later he drove across the plains to California, where he followed mining until 1864, when he returned to Lyons and became foreman of the quarries for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. He was next engaged in the same business

in Marshall county, Iowa, and in 1866 removed to Lynn county, locating in Cedar Rapids, where he resided three years. At the end of that period he located in College township, near the city, where he followed farming until 1900. He is now practically living a retired life in Fairfax township, the same county, enjoying a well-earned rest. His children were Franklin P., our subject; Isadore, deceased; Lorette, wife of A. Fetter; William, deceased; and Walter, who married Ella Metzger.

Dr. Batchelder grew to manhood at Cedar Rapids, and completed his literary education at Coe College. He then took up the study of medicine with Dr. George P. Carpenter, of that city, and later attended lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he was graduated February 22, 1881. That year he located at Denison, Crawford county, Iowa, and from there removed to Brandt, Clinton county. In 1884 he became a resident of Lyons and now has his office in the Gage Block. He has that true love for his work without which there can be no success, and has always been a progressive physician, constantly improving on his own and others' methods and gaining further encouragement and inspiration from the performance of each day's duties. His skill and ability are attested by the liberal patronage he enjoys, and ranks him as one of the leading physicians of the county.

In 1882 Dr. Batchelder was united in marriage with Miss Alice E. Stewart, daughter of Daniel Stewart, of Cedar Rapids, and to them were born six children: Holmes; Jennie; William, deceased; Thomas; Edgar; and Gilbert, deceased. The Doctor is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Lyons Lodge, No. 93, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Woodmen

of the World, of which he is examining physician. He is also a member of the State Medical Association, is president of the medical staff of Mercy Hospital, and commissioner of insanity in Clinton county. He is a genial, pleasant man, and is quite popular, both in professional and social circles.



LAFAYETTE LAMB.

The extent and variety of the industrial, commercial and financial interests with which Lafayette Lamb is connected at once place him among the prominent business men of the Mississippi valley, and the influence of his operations is widely felt in the world of trade. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution; and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his. It is true that he became interested in a business already established, but in controlling and enlarging such an enterprise many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed; and he has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius, but the outcome of a clear judgment and experience.

Mr. Lamb is a native of Carroll county, Illinois, his birth having occurred February 26, 1846, his parents being Chancy and Jane (Bevier) Lamb. On the paternal side he is descended from one of the colonial families of Massachusetts, tracing his ancestry back to Thomas Lamb, who came to this country with Governor Winthrop and located in Massachusetts, whence representatives of the name afterward went to New York. The



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grandfather of our subject, Alpheus Lamb, made his home in the Empire state, and Chancy Lamb, the father, was born in Ticonderoga, that state. Emigrating westward, he resided for a time in Illinois, and thence came to Clinton, Iowa, here establishing the lumber business, which has since grown to such extensive proportions making the name of Lamb a power in the lumber trade throughout the country. He married Jane Bevier, a native of New York, a daughter of Jacob Bevier, who was of Huguenot ancestry, and who served as adjutant in the Third Regiment of Ulster County New York Troops in the war of the Revolution. Representatives of the family were also soldiers in the Indian and Colonial wars of the country at an early epoch in American history.

In the public schools Lafayette Lamb pursued his literary education, which was supplemented by a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, of Chicago. During his boyhood he received his practical business instruction from his father, working in his shingle mill. He mastered the various departments of the lumber business, and in 1867 was made foreman of the yard. In 1873 he was admitted to a partnership in the business under the firm name of C. Lamb & Sons, and on the 24th of January, 1878, the business was incorporated and he became vice-president of the company, acting in that capacity until the death of his father, on the 12th of July, 1897. He was then made president of the company, and since the death of his brother, Artemus, he has also become treasurer. The volume of the business transacted by the company has grown to very extensive proportions, and the output is shipped to many sections of the country.

With many other enterprises Mr. Lamb is also actively connected, and his sound business judgment and keen sagacity prove an important factor in their successful conduct. He is president of the Merchants' National Bank and a director in the People's Trust & Savings Bank, also a stockholder in the City National Bank. He is a director of the White River Lumber Company, of Mason, Wisconsin; of the Mississippi River Logging Company; of the Mississippi River Lumber Company; of the Weyeranser Timber Company; and is president of the L. Lamb Lumber Company, and vice president of the Shell Lake Lumber Company, Shell Lake, Wisconsin. He is also a director of the Clinton Gas Company. These many interests contribute in large measure to commercial activity in the Mississippi valley, indicate the resourceful ability and strong purpose of Mr. Lamb, who occupies an eminent position in trade circles.

August 21, 1866, Mr. Lamb was united in marriage to Miss Olivia Huffman, of Clinton, and they have two children—Marquette, the wife of Eugene J. Carpenter, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Chancy R., who is also living in Minneapolis, and who married Florence Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bingham, of Chicago, Illinois. Socially Mr. Lamb is a prominent Mason, having taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites; and he also has membership relations with the Sons of the Revolution. In politics he is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, but has never sought or desired political preferment. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods he has followed have won for him the support and confidence of many. His devotion to the

public good is unquestioned, and arises from a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow men.

ANDREW J. SILL.

A. J. Sill, an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, running between Boone and Clinton on the East Iowa division of that road, was born in Chemung, McHenry county, Illinois, March 25, 1848, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Daly) Sill, the former a native of Palmyra, Wayne county, New York, the latter of Vermont. The mother died in Caledonia, Illinois, at the age of sixty-eight years, and the father subsequently came to Clinton, Iowa, where he departed this life in 1899 at the age of eighty-five. He was a Methodist minister and was engaged in preaching throughout the northern part of Illinois for many years. It was in 1843 that he removed to that state, and in driving through Chicago found the place little better than a mud hole. His children were Helen, wife of C. A. Hanaford, of Traverse City, Michigan; Esther, widow of G. B. Lewis, of the same place; Albert, who served in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and died in 1881; A. J., our subject; Maria, deceased; and Henry, a resident of Baltimore, Maryland.

The subject of this review received his education in the public schools of Illinois. In 1863, at the age of sixteen years, he entered the service of his country by enlisting in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and went with his regiment to Camp Butler, where he was taken ill with typhoid fever. While convalescing he engaged in nursing the sick in the hospital. He was

mustered out in 1864, and returned to his home in Adams county, Illinois, where he followed farming until 1872.

During that year Mr. Sill commenced firing on the East Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, under DeWitt Sernberger on the Baraboo, running from Clinton to Cedar Rapids. Seven years later he was promoted to engineer and given charge of engine No. 198. He has never been in a wreck for which he was responsible, although he has met with several accidents and was severely injured in a collision at Beverly in 1899, by the engineer on the other engine running his train on the main line contrary to orders. He was in a collision at Otis in 1896, which was the fault of the train dispatcher. In both cases he remained with his engine, but at Ontario when his engine ran into an open switch he and his fireman jumped while the train was going at forty-five miles an hour, and the latter was killed. At one time his engine was tipped over at Stanwood and he was badly scalded and was off duty for three months. For the past five years he has been running a passenger train, and is now running the fastest train in the world, the schedule time from Clinton to Boone being three hours and fifty-five minutes for two hundred and two miles, during which eight stops are made. The rate of speed of his engine is ninety miles an hour, and makes several miles in thirty-five and thirty-eight seconds. The first sixty-four miles of the run are made in sixty minutes, and the speed is then increased.

In 1868 Mr. Sill was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Newell, a native of Adams county, Illinois, who died, leaving two children: Mary Vanetta, widow of John Tuckey, who was killed while serving as conductor on the Northwestern Railway in

November, 1900; and Bart V., a brakeman on the same road. For his second wife Mr. Sill married, April 21, 1886, Miss Belle Hempstead, native of Nevada, Story county, Iowa, and to them was born a daughter, Esther Myrtle.

Fraternally Mr. Sill is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and is also a thirty-second degree Mason, having been initiated into the mysteries of that order twelve years ago. He is one of the most popular railroad men in the employ of the company, and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, not only in Clinton, but all along his route.

ITHAMER SMITH.

Ithamer Smith, the subject of this sketch, was born in New York, June 12, 1824, and died June 12, 1901, at the age of seventy-seven years, a son of Claudius and Polly (Woodard) Smith. The father was a native of Massachusetts and was twice married, his first union being with a Miss Albaugh, a widow with two children, a half brother of our subject being Sadiams, who is married and resides in Castleton, Vermont, and has four children. After the death of his first wife the father was married in New York to Polly Woodard, a native of the Empire state, and about 1858, he removed with his family to Illinois, locating in Argo, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1865, when he was eighty-six years of age. His wife passed away about 1871, at the age of eighty years. Their children were as follows: Mary, the widow of Pixley Smith, resides in North Dakota and has three children; William, who married Jane Cushman and after her

death wedded Mrs. Cushman, resides in southern Illinois and has four children; Sarah is the wife of Edmond Philips, of Thompson, Illinois, and has three children; Warren, who married a Miss Dunn and after her death wedded her sister, is now living in Thompson, Illinois, and has two living children; Edmond makes his home in Argo, Illinois, and is married and has four children; and Eliza, also makes her home in Thompson, Illinois.

In the district schools of New York Ithamer Smith pursued his education until fourteen years of age when he began working in a lumber camp and was there employed until his marriage. On the 20th of September, 1848, in Warren county, New York, he wedded Caroline Deckler, who was born at Saratoga Springs, New York, September 20, 1828, a daughter of James and Cynthia (Gillette) Deckler, who were natives of the same state, and were there married. In 1858 they removed to Illinois, and the mother died in Fulton, that state, after which the father made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Smith. His death occurred about 1860. In his family were ten children, but Mrs. Smith is now the only one surviving. With her husband she came to the west, and for about a year and a half they resided in Argo, Illinois, after which they spent a year in Fulton City, returning thence to Argo, but when another year had passed they came to Iowa, making the journey across the country in a "prairie schooner" or covered wagon. They located in Bloomfield township, Clinton county, and Mr. Smith rented a farm, upon which he resided for seven years. Illness and unfortunate circumstances caused him to lose over six thousand dollars, but he possessed strong determination and resolute purpose, and in course of time regained

what he had lost. He also continued to prosper, and purchased a farm of eighty acres on section fourteen, Bloomfield township, where he raised a high grade of cattle for market and also became an extensive breeder of hogs. He has improved his place with substantial and commodious buildings and has added all modern accessories and conveniences found upon a model farm of the twentieth century.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born four children: Jane, who married Silas Brown and resides in Bloomfield township; John J., whose sketch is given below; Emma, wife of George Lawrence, of Elizabeth, Illinois, by whom she has two children; and Hattie B., who married Adolphus Harrington, a carpenter and contractor of Delmar, Iowa. They have four children. Mr. Smith served as road supervisor, but never sought or held other office, preferring to give his attention to his business interests, in which he met with creditable success. In his political views he was a stalwart Republican and in religious faith a Methodist, shaping his life by his Christian belief, and thereby commanding the respect and confidence of all men.

FRANK FELLOWS.

Frank Fellows, who for the last forty years has been a resident of Clinton, taking up his abode here in the fall of 1866, was born in Salamanca, Cattaraugus county, New York, March 21, 1844. He represents one of the old New England families, for in the year 1631 three brothers, representatives of the name, crossed the Atlantic from England to the new world, locating in New Hampshire, Connecticut and Maine, respectively. It is from the New Hampshire

branch of the family that our subject is descended. Men of patriotic impulses and loyalty have been found among the defenders of the country in times of war. Joseph Fellows, the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war. Jonathan Fellows, an uncle, served as a soldier in the war of 1812 and died in Salamanca, New York, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Durbin Fellows, another uncle, was a soldier in the Mexican war and died in Galena, Illinois. Our subject has in his possession some interesting war relics and treasured family mementos, including a gun which was brought from England by his ancestors in 1631, and a powder horn which was made by his grandfather.

The great-grandfather of our subject was John Fellows, and he married a cousin of Daniel Webster. Their son, William E. Fellows, the father of our subject, was born in Bridgewater, New Hampshire, June 22, 1808. When eighteen years of age he became connected with the lumber business, which he followed in the Empire state for many years. He married Miss Eliza Phillips, who was born in Troy, New York, in 1818, and for a long period they resided in the state of her nativity. In 1861 the father responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in the Second Excelsior Brigade under General Sickells. He was at the time fifty-five years of age and was, therefore, exempt from military service, but his loyalty to the Union and love of liberty prompted him to join the army that fought for the supremacy of the stars and stripes. Returning to his home in New York, Mr. Fellows there remained until 1870, when he came to Iowa, settling in Clinton. He was a millwright by trade, but in this state he followed carpentry until 1877, when he re-

tired from active business life, spending his remaining days in Lyons, where he died March 1, 1895, when almost eighty-seven years of age. His wife also passed away in Lyons, her death occurring on the 26th of June, 1897. In early life Mr. Fellows was a Whig, and upon the dissolution of the party he became a stalwart Republican, acting with that political organization until his death.

A man of scholarly tastes and attainments, he read extensively and kept well informed on all questions and issues of the day, both political and otherwise. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and were widely known as consistent Christian people.

They had a family of six children, of whom one daughter died in childhood at the age of fourteen years, while James, Nelson and Joseph are also deceased. The living members of the family are Frank, of this review, and John, who is an employe of the United States Lock factory at Lyons.

Frank Fellows, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in the common schools and in the select schools which he attended, however, for only a brief period. When sixteen years of age he went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania and not only provided for his own support but also contributed of his means to the support of the family. In 1866 he arrived in Clinton, Iowa, and at once entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company as a carpenter in the shops. He afterward entered the mills as a saw filer for W. J. Young & Company, which position had then become important owing to the great increase of the lumber industry in this section of the country.

In January, 1869, he went upon the road as fireman, and after four years' service in

that capacity was promoted to engineer, making his first run in 1875. Through the summer he remained upon the road and then returned to the shops, where he was employed for two years, at the expiration of which period he was made dispatcher, taking the engines to and from the round-house and superintending the coal and wood supplies. Since 1889 he has been foreman of the shed, an important position, as he has in charge the supplying of fuel for all the trains that go on from this point. Sixteen men are under his supervision and control. For eleven years he also gave the contracts for the coal supply.

In the year 1864, in New York, Mr. Fellows married Aroline Potter, who was born in Maine, May 10, 1847, her parents being pioneers of that state. They resided in Penobscot and were of Scottish ancestry. Mrs. Fellows was educated in Allegany county, New York, and to her husband has been a faithful companion and helpmate on the journey of life. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, of whom two died in early childhood. Those living are Minnie, wife of Herbert Smith, a coal dealer at Clinton, by whom she has one daughter, Catherine. Florilla, wife of Frank McKeever, by whom she has one son, Raymond, who is now living with his grandfather. Leona and Ethel, who are yet at home. The children are all graduates of the high schools of Lyons, and the members of the family are identified with the Presbyterian church. They have a very pleasant and attractive home which was purchased by Mr. Fellows, and in addition he owns a small fruit farm.

In his political views Mr. Fellows is a Republican, while socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and consistory. He

was one of the charter members and organizers of the society known as the Old Firemen's Union, which later consolidated with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and was grand treasurer for three years. The organization was effected in 1870, and he was also one of the organizers of the Old Firemen's Union and traveled over all the principal railroads and to the junctions, organizing lodges at various places. He has witnessed great changes in railroad circles and has watched with interest the rapid growth and development of Clinton, contributing in a considerable measure to the progress of the city as he has found opportunity. He has a wide acquaintance and is popular in social circles. His friends esteem him for his many estimable qualities. His conduct is manly, and upright principles have ever permeated his life.

BRADFORD STORY KEITH.

This well-known engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, running between Boone and Clinton, Iowa, was born on the 30th of August, 1855, on a tract of government land where the city of Minneapolis now stands. He has in his possession the grant or patent for that tract issued to his father and signed by Franklin Pierce, then president of the United States. He belongs to a good old New England family, being of the seventh generation removed from Rev. Keith, a Congregational minister, who was educated in Aberdeen, Scotland, and was the first of the family to come to America. Our subject's parents were Asa and Laura E. (Story) Keith, both natives of Vermont, who in 1851 or 1852 removed to Minnesota, and in 1869 came to

Clinton, Iowa. The father was a machinist, but the other members of his family were professional men, being principally doctors and lawyers. He died in 1892, aged seventy-eight years and six months, and his wife passed away January 16, 1901, at the age of eighty-six years. They were the parents of four children, namely: Elizabeth, who died at the age of ten years; Asa S., who was one of the early engineers on the Wisconsin division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and is now living in Clinton; Bradford Story, our subject; and Charles Sumner, who is a passenger engineer on the same road and also makes his home in Clinton.

During his boyhood Bradford S. Keith attended the public schools of Clinton, and was also graduated at the Clinton Business College. In September, 1872, he commenced firing on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and in June, 1880, was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he has been with the road for twenty-one years. He has never met with but one accident, and in that he had the misfortune to lose his right foot.

Mr. Keith was married in 1875, the lady of his choice being Miss Addie Butler, of DeWitt, Clinton county, a daughter of T. W. Butler, and by this union two children were born: Nellie, now the wife of Claude Easterly, of Clinton; and Arthur, who is also in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Mr. Keith owns a pleasant home at 331 Tenth avenue.

Mr. Keith takes no active interest in political affairs aside from voting, and generally supports the Republican ticket, though he is not strictly partisan, and believes in voting for the men best qualified for office regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Ep-

worth League and gives his support to all measures which he believes calculated to advance the social or moral welfare of his community. In 1869 he joined the Independent Order of Good Templars, and has since been an active member of that body, having been grand counselor of Iowa in 1899. He has also been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for several years, and is connected with Clinton Tent, No. 12, Knights of the Maccabees. He is past chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and was a delegate to the international convention at Richmond, Virginia, in 1888. His is a man of many sterling traits of character, and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life.

ASA G. OATMAN.

One of the leading and representative citizens of DeWitt is Asa G. Oatman, who dates his residence in the county from the 1st of February, 1861. A native of Rutland, county, Vermont, he was born in the shadows of the Green mountains, April 23, 1829, and is descended from a good old family of Holland origin, which was early established in New England. His father, Ira Oatman, was also a native of Vermont, and a son of Eli Oatman. On reaching manhood the former married Miss Lovisa Gardner, who was born in the same state, and a daughter of Asa Gardner, who also claimed Vermont as his native state, and was a lad of twelve years when the battle of Bennington was fought. During early life Ira Oatman followed the harness makers' trade. For a short time he made his home in Buf-

falo, New York, but after the death of his wife, which occurred in that city in 1838, he returned to the Green Mountain state with his three children, who were reared by their grandparents. Later he went to Michigan, and located on a farm near Pontiac, where he continued to make his home throughout life, dying there about 1857. During his residence in Michigan he married again.

Asa G. Oatman, of this sketch, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native county, and as his school privileges were limited in early life, his education has being mainly acquired by reading and observation since reaching mature years. In 1853 he made an overland trip to California, crossing the Mississippi river at Camanche, Iowa, and passing through Clinton county. He arrived on the Pacific coast in September, and remained there about six years, a portion of the time being spent in the mines in search of the yellow metal, with varied success. When he went west he was in very poor health, but the trip and the climate of California proved very beneficial and he returned home in perfect health. The return trip was made by steamer, via the Isthmus of Panama, to New York.

Soon after his arrival home, in 1859, Mr. Oatman was united in marriage with Miss Ellen S. Adams, also a native of Rutland county, Vermont, and a daughter of Daniel Adams, whose birthplace was likewise in that state. In 1861 they came to Iowa, reaching Clinton on the 1st of February, during one of the worst snow storms that winter. During the first year spent here, Mr. Oatman operated a rented farm, and then bought one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie land, where the town of Malone now stands. This he immediately commenced to fence, break and improve,

and was engaged in agricultural pursuits there for some years. About 1876 he sold that place and removed to DeWitt and bought a farm near town, which he operated for five years. He then bought a half interest in a lumber business, with R. H. Campbell, and was engaged in that trade for a few years. When he disposed of that business, he purchased an interest in the original Farmers' Store, and was successfully engaged in general merchandising for some ten or twelve years. He carried a large and well selected stock and built up an extensive trade, which he continued to enjoy until he sold out in 1895. He had previously purchased a farm of four hundred and forty acres in Scott county, about seven miles from DeWitt, upon which he has made many useful and valuable improvements. There are two sets of buildings upon the place, now occupied by two tenants.

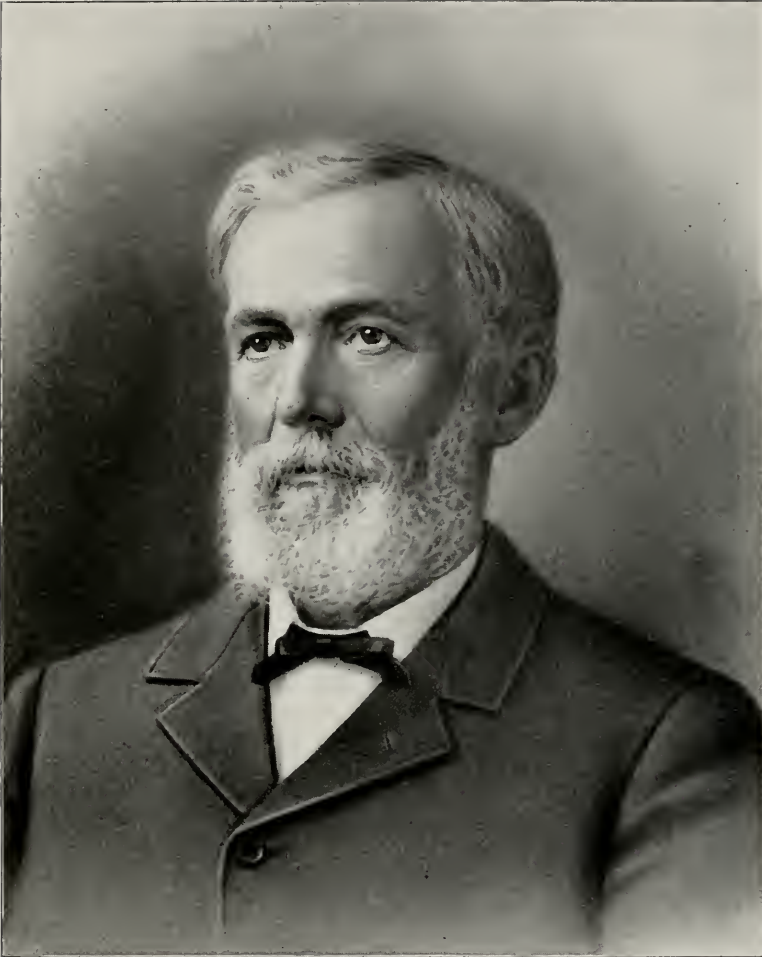
Mr. Oatman was one of the agitators and organizers of the DeWitt Electric Light Company, and became one of its original stockholders and directors. The plant was built in 1895, and our subject was elected president of the company, which position he still fills. He built a good modern residence in DeWitt, and has since made it his home. On coming to this state he was without capital, but being a man of industrious habits, energetic and enterprising, he steadily prospered in business affairs, and is today quite well-to-do. His one of the most public-spirited citizens of the town, and is always ready and willing to give his support to any enterprise calculated to advance the interests of the community. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party since its organization, voting for John C. Fremont in 1856, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public

affairs, though he has never cared for political honors. In manner he is pleasant and cordial, which, combined with his sterling worth, makes him one of the most popular citizens of DeWitt.

WILLIAM F. HOYT.

William Frederick Hoyt, deceased, was for many years one of the leading and representative citizens of Clinton, and was successfully engaged in the insurance business. A native of New York, he was born in Oneida county, March 1, 1832, and was one of a family of seven children. Those still living are Ephraim, a resident of Des Moines, and Mrs. Lydia Fulford, Mrs. Elma Capp and Miss Thecla Hoyt, who make their home in Chicago.

During his childhood our subject removed with his parents to Marshall county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. He received a good practical education in the public schools of that county, and also graduated from the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Chicago. He was a great reader and was well posted on current topics and the leading questions and issues of the day. He was always a very observing man, and took quite an active interest in political affairs. As a young man he represented the American Insurance Company, and when he came to Iowa in 1865, organized a home company, becoming its president. Later for twenty-one years up to the time of his death, he was a traveling representative of the Hawkeye Insurance Company of Des Moines, and was one of the best posted men on insurance in the state. In addition to this he was also engaged in the real estate business, and met with excellent success in both enterprises. Mr. Hoyt was well known throughout the county as an up-



WILLIAM F. HOYT.



MRS. FRANCES HOYT.

right, reliable and conscientious business man, and wherever he went he commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact either in business or social life.,

On the 1st of January, 1866, Mr. Hoyt was united in marriage with Miss Frances Peck, who was born in Clinton, November 11, 1846, and is a representative of one of the old and honored families of this county, being the daughter of Franklin K. and Frances E. (Brown) Peck. There are three different branches of the Peck family in America, and it is to Joseph Peck that Mrs. Hoyt traces her ancestry. He came to this country from England with others in 1638 and settled in the east. Dr. George Peck, Mrs. Hoyt's paternal grandfather, was a surgeon in the war of 1812. He died in October, 1838, and both he and his wife were buried in the Camanche cemetery, where her maternal grandparents were also laid to rest. The father, Franklin K. Peck, was born in Rome, New York, May 10, 1812, and in 1837 came to this county, erecting the first house in Camanche. He was married in 1838 to Miss Frances E. Brown, who was born in Kentucky, April 10, 1818, but spent the most of her girlhood in Tennessee. Their marriage was celebrated in Morrison, Illinois. When the land office was opened at Dubuque, Mr. Peck entered about a half section of land, and his daughter still has the government deeds for this property. Upon this farm he continued to make his home throughout life, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits, and there he died March 20, 1888, honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow remained on the old homestead with her daughter until she too was called to her final rest in 1899. Of the fourteen children born to them only five are now liv-

ing, namely: William B., a resident of Clinton; Wesley H., a physician of Chicago; Mrs. Marietta Bennett, of San Diego, California; Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, of Denver, Colorado; and Mrs. Frances Hoyt, of this review.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt began their domestic life upon the old Peck homestead where she has spent her entire life. They became the parents of two children, namely: Nellie Evangeline, born December 23, 1866, is a graduate of the Clinton high school and taught in the public schools of the city for twelve years. She is a lady of literary tastes, who has contributed a number of interesting sketches to periodicals and has also written poetry. She wrote the following for the Old Settlers' picnic, the points brought out being suggested after the death of her grandmother:

THE PASSING OF OUR PIONEERS.

One by one they are slipping from us,
Pioneers of our middle west,
Often now we close weary eyelids
And fold the aged hands to rest.

Hands now wrinkled were once so sturdy,
Hardened young by the ax-man's toil,
Bravely they guided the rude plowshare,
Which turned the prairie's matted soil.

Fingers that spun the wool and linen,
Wove the homespun and garments sewed,
Washed and mended and churned and
knitted,
Dipped the pails where open spring
flowed.

Filled the kettles on crane aswinging,
Hung the spit and stirred the hoecake,

Raked forth the coals and where hearth
fire glowed,

Smoothed the dough on a board to bake.

Lands they entered and to protect

With rifle met they Black Hawk's braves;

Buried the dead on plain and hillsides,

And no one now knoweth their graves.

They built of logs our first school houses,

Of lumber hauled many a mile,

Made the rude benches, for the fire place

Cut oak and ash, a goodly pile.

Thankful they reared the humble churches,

Each giving labor or his mite;

There often they met for praise and prayer

By the candles' flickering light.

One by one those voices grow silent,

Soon no more from their lips we'll hear,

Tales of the early days recounted

Passed, the territorial pioneer.

Frances E., the younger daughter of our subject, was born November 15, 1868. She attended the public schools and also the Clinton Business College, at which she was graduated, and for seven years successfully engaged in teaching stenography there. She is now the wife of Fabian Lawson, a superintendent of the Moline Plow Company, having been married June 12, 1901, at Clinton, Iowa, but is now a resident of Moline, Illinois.

Mr. Hoyt died on the 19th of September, 1900, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its best and most valued citizens. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Clinton, and was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he was a Re-

publican, but he cared not for the honors or emoluments of public office.

Mrs. Hoyt was educated at Dubuque and Lyons Seminary, and prior to her marriage she successfully engaged in teaching school in this county. Since her husband's death she has carried on the real estate business, and in the management of her affairs has displayed remarkable business and executive ability. When young she began dealing in real estate, and has purchased and sold many town lots, besides dealing in farm property. She is well known in real estate circles as a large dealer, and in her operations has been eminently successful. Since girlhood Mrs. Hoyt has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a lady of many sterling qualities.

JOHN ALLISON.

John Allison, who is successfully engaged in carrying on agricultural pursuits in Bloomfield township, where he has a fine farm equipped with splendid improvements, is a native of Canada, his birth having occurred in the British province March 9, 1839. His father, John Allison, Sr., was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1809, and after arriving at years of maturity married Jane Parker, who was born in Durham, England, in 1805. About 1830—soon after their marriage—they crossed the Atlantic to Canada, where they spent their remaining days, the father's death occurring in June, 1897, while his wife passed away in April of the same year. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, namely: Thomas, of Norwich, Ontario, who married Margaret Connaught, who died, leaving four sons and three daughters;

Hannah, who became the wife of William Simpson, by whom she had four children, afterwards married Thomas Slater, now a resident of Detroit, Michigan, by whom she has two children; Ann, wife of John Connaught, of Alton county, Canada, and the mother of three living daughters; John, of this review; Joshua, of Milton, Canada, who married Jane Coverdale, and after her death wedded Phebe Windgrove; Jane, wife of Joseph Parkison, of Maquoketa, by whom she has five children; and Parker, of Alton county, Canada, who married Maria Windgrove and has four children.

In the subscription schools of Canada John Allison, the subject of this sketch, began his education, which he later continued in the public schools, pursuing his studies until eighteen years of age. He afterward assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm, remaining at home until he had attained his majority. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he married Miss Nancy Jane Parkinson, the wedding taking place near Guelph, Ontario, December 22, 1859. She was born in Canada February 28, 1843, a daughter of John Parkinson, a native of Lincolnshire, England. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Jane Hopkins, was born about eleven miles from Niagara Falls.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson removed to Eramosa Wellington county, Canada, where they remained until 1860, when Mr. Parkinson sold his farm and took up his abode at Lyons, Iowa. In 1861 he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and continued to cultivate and improve the property until 1868, when he took up his abode in Lyons, remaining there two years. On the expiration of that period he removed two and a half miles from Elwood, residing for a time upon a farm of

eighty acres, when he removed with his family to a farm of one hundred acres in Bloomfield township. He afterward sold that property to his son and purchased a residence in Delmar, where he made his home for thirteen years. His wife died in 1891, and his death occurred on the 12th of November, 1895. Their children were as follows: Joseph H. married Jane Allison, a sister of our subject, and resides at Maquoketa. They have five children. Obadiah M., a resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, wedded Mary Baker and afterward married Mary Beard. By the first union there were two children and by the last five. Mrs. Allison is the next younger. Betsey A. is the deceased wife of George Watson, of Lyons, Iowa. Ellen died at the age of fourteen years. George H. married Mrs. Julia Johnson, by whom he has three children, and resides at Maquoketa. John married Phebe Thompson, and after her death wedded Ellen Slack, their home being now in Canton, South Dakota. By the first marriage there were four children. Albert, who is living near Maquoketa, married Celestial Battles, and they have five children.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Allison has been blessed with twelve children: Ida E., who was born May 2, 1861, in Clinton county, is the wife of James Snoddy, of Olin, Iowa, and they have two children; Anna J., born July 24, 1863, is the wife of Thomas Cain, of Delmar, and they have three children; Mary E., who was born November 26, 1865, married William Benton, of Clinton county, and with their one child they reside in Maquoketa; John J., born in Canada, October 30, 1867, now assists in the management of the home farm; Hannah E., born in Canada February 3, 1870, is the wife of Benjamin Banks, of Delmar, and

has three children; Nancy M., born April 1, 1872, is the wife of Thomas Kneen, of Artesian, South Dakota, and has two children; Margaret R., born in Canada, May 22, 1874, and Albert Parker, born in Canada, July 10, 1876, are at home; Phebe May, born in Clinton county, October 19, 1878, died at the age of nine weeks; Obadiah Joseph, born in Clinton county, November 11, 1880, was killed in the cyclone in May, 1898, at the age of nineteen years; George, born in Clinton county, November —, 1884, is attending school at Delmar; James G., born in this county, September 30, 1887, is also a student in school.

After his marriage Mr. Allison took up his residence on a farm five miles north of Lyons, in Clinton county. He purchased sixty-two acres and cultivated the fields for three years, after which he removed to Lyons, where he remained for thirteen years, when he returned to Delmar. He purchased a small tract of land but soon afterward sold it and bought one hundred acres in Brookfield township, making his home thereon for seven years. On the expiration of that period he sold his farm and purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section sixteen, Bloomfield township, to which he has added until he now owns two hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable land. His fine farm was in the path of the cyclone, which swept over this portion of the country at half past four o'clock in the afternoon of May 18, 1898. It was in this storm that his son lost his life and his wife was nearly killed. The violence of the storm swept all before it. Trees were uprooted, and Mr. Allison had property destroyed to the value of ten thousand dollars. He lost two hundred fifty hogs, fifty-nine cattle and seven horses, and his buildings were demolished, and four miles of fence blown away, there being

nothing left but the land; but, with determined energy and resolute will, he undertook the task of retrieving his lost possessions, and has since erected a commodious and attractive residence, large barns, and other farm outbuildings, and has made splendid improvements. He put in tile to the value of three hundred dollars, and since the cyclone has raised twenty thousand bushels of corn. Such losses as came to him would have utterly disheartened a man of less resolute spirit, but his indefatigable energy and strong determination enabled him to push forward and to-day he is numbered among the men of affluence in the community.

CHARLES L. ROOT.

In every community are found men who, by reason of their forceful individuality, ability and keen foresight, are recognized leaders in business circles. Their influence is widely felt as a determining agent in public progress, and their efforts result not alone in individual prosperity but also promote the welfare of the community which they represent. Such a man is Charles L. Root, the president of the Root Land Company, of Lyons, and a well-known attorney and real estate and insurance agent. He has also won distinction in military circles, and no history of this section of the state would be complete without an extended mention of his life work. He comes from an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith.

According to family tradition, the name of Root is of French origin, and the earliest American records show that John Root was married at Badley, Northamptonshire, Eng-

land, to Mary Russell, in 1600. Their son, John, after his father's death, went to live with his uncle, a man of wealth, who was advanced in years. He belonged to the nobility and was a staunch Puritan. This uncle insisted that the nephew should enter Cromwell's army and fight against Charles I. and the English crown, but the aversion which John Root felt to war led him to join a body of pilgrims and, with them, he came to the United States, settling at Farmington, Connecticut. There, in 1640, he wedded Mary Kilbourne, a daughter of Thomas and Frances Kilbourne. The next in the line of descent was their son, Thomas, born in 1648, and the line is traced down through John Root, who was born December 25, 1676; Elishu, born February 28, 1703; Joseph, born December 5, 1743; Joseph A., born May 2, 1784; Aurelius Clark, born November 19, 1818; and Charles L., of this review. The grandfather, Joseph A. Root, married Aphina Clark, and his death occurred in 1844, at the age of sixty years. His wife was of English lineage, and was a daughter of Joseph Abbott, who was born and reared upon a farm, redeemed by his grandfather, in the mountains of Hampden county. He, too, was of a sturdy Puritan family, and he died at the old home, at the age of eighty-four years. The maternal grandmother of our subject, and the wife of Joseph Abbott, was Polly Buchanan, and she was of English and Irish lineage, while from his mother's family, the Clarks, Mr. Root is of French and English extraction. His maternal grandfather was a member of George Washington's staff, and was distinguished for his splendid physique. The grandfathers on both sides of the Root family were officers in the Revolutionary war.

Aurelius C. Root was born in Hampden county, Massachusetts, November 19,

1818, and his boyhood and youth were passed upon a farm. He acquired a practical education in the public schools, and, at the age of eighteen, he became a traveling salesman. Later, in connection with his brother, he opened a store at Blandford, Massachusetts, conducting the enterprise from 1838 to 1841, when he removed to Chester, Massachusetts, and opened a general store. In connection with the management of both mercantile houses he sold goods upon the road, carrying his merchandise in trunks, hauled on wagons, and calling the same traveling stores. He thus carried on business until 1860. In 1852 he became identified with western interests, locating at Belvidere, Illinois, where he accepted a position as cashier in the bank. There he worked for a year and, in 1853, he came to Lyons, then a small but promising town, and here he established the first bank, and in the business was still associated with his brother, under the firm name of Root Brothers' Bank, the institution being established in a small building at Exchange and Water streets; but in 1856 he erected a fine brick block, to which he removed his banking business, now owned by the First National Bank, of Lyons, and became extensively interested in real estate transactions, in which he was very successful, handling large tracts of land in northern Iowa, southern Missouri and Nebraska. He had considerable property in Lyons, including a fine residence. He was also treasurer of the Iowa Air Line Railroad, and his business interests were of so important a character that they had a marked influence on the up-building and improvement of this section of the state. Mr. Root was always very active in educational matters, and the cause of education found in him a warm friend. He was one of the most energetic, determined

and reliable business men of the county, active in establishing enterprises and carrying forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken.

In political affairs he has been very prominent, and his wide reading enabled him to support his position by intelligent argument. He was a Democrat in early life, but in 1860 he joined the Republican party and has remained one of its most stalwart advocates. He represented his district in the Massachusetts legislature, and has filled a number of local offices, serving as mayor, alderman, supervisor and justice of the peace in Lyons, Iowa.

His wife is still living, and they are the parents of six children: Joseph C., of Omaha, Nebraska, who is a founder and organizer of the fraternal organizations known as the Modern Woodmen of America, also the Woodmen of the World. Hattie B., who died in 1875, and Abbott A., a retired shoe merchant of Lyons. Belle E., who became the wife of George A. Stiles, of Topeka, Kansas. Charles L., and Herbert D., who is living retired in Lyons.

Charles L. Root, whose name forms the caption of this review, was born in Chester, Massachusetts, October 8, 1856. He pursued his education at Cornell College and was graduated at Northwestern University in 1878. Subsequently he read law under the direction of A. R. Cotton, and was admitted to the bar in 1879, after which he began to practice at Lyons. In 1893 he organized the Root Land Company, and under that name has carried on a very extensive real estate business. He purchased the Dennis Warren plat, of one hundred and twenty lots, and has since disposed of most of it, and it is among the finest residence portions of the city. He was associated with his brother in the boot and shoe busi-

ness, in both Lyons and Clinton, for a few years, but since 1890 he has dealt extensively in farm lands in northwestern Iowa and northeastern Nebraska. In 1891 he built the handsome Root block on Main street. This is a modern structure, divided into stores and offices, the dimensions of the building being eighty-eight feet by eighty feet.

From 1890 to 1894 Mr. Root served as mayor of the city, and the latter year was elected on the Republican ticket to represent his district in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly. He was also alderman at large of the city of Clinton in 1896 and 1897. During his college days he became interested in military exercises, hoping thereby to benefit his health, and in 1889 he organized the C. L. Root Company, a drill corps, of which he was made captain. This company won the championship of Iowa, in the year 1889, at Council Bluffs; 1890, at Marshallton; 1891, at Cedar Rapids; and in 1893, at Chicago, having the same twenty-seven men under drill for five years. In 1893 the company escorted the governor on his tour of inspection at the World's Fair, in Chicago, where the military organization won much praise. In 1892 he organized Company L, First Regiment, Iowa National Guards, at his own expense. In 1897 this company acted as escort to the governor in Chicago at dedication of the Logan monument. At the first call for troops for the Spanish-American war, he received orders to have his company in readiness. He discharged all married men and minors of his finely drilled military organization. In three days he recruited his company to the standard and reported in Des Moines, Iowa, where the company became part of the Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteers. Captain Root had full charge of his company for two months. He tendered his services in the volunteer serv-

ice. But the United States Board of Surgeons would not pass him on physical examination. He applied to the State Board, but they refused to pass him. He then tendered his services to the Secretary of War. Captain Root is a splendid disciplinarian, with a thorough knowledge of military tactics, is cool and collected and, while demanding implicit obedience, he is, at the same time, considerate of his men and enjoys the highest regard of those serving under him.

Captain Root was married December 17, 1884, to Thora Wiborg, daughter of E. G. Wiborg, of Lyons, and they have two children: Aurelius C., and Charles W. Both Mr. Root and his father were members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the former still belongs to the organization. He likewise holds membership in the Masonic society, and the Woodmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks fraternities, and is a member of various social clubs. He is to-day one of the most popular, prominent and honored representatives of Lyons, having wide influence among his fellow men by reason of his personal qualities, as well as on account of his business ability and prominence.

PETER V. CLARKE.

The subject of this biography is the well-known proprietor of the livery, sales and boarding stable, located at 117 and 119 Fourth avenue, which is one of the best barns in the city, being well equipped with a fine line of modern vehicles and about twenty good horses. Mr. Clarke was born in Clinton December 24, 1872, and is a son of Peter and Ellen (Spaulding) Clarke. The father was a native of Ireland and a

son of Patrick Clarke, who settled in Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1861, and continued to make his home there throughout life, his time and attention being devoted to farming. He died in 1889, when about eighty years of age. His wife had passed away several years previous. The mother of our subject was born near Boston, Massachusetts, and was a daughter of Patrick Spaulding. Her father died in the east and her mother subsequently came to Iowa and spent her last days in Clinton county.

Peter Clarke, our subject's father, was one of the early settlers of this section of Iowa, and was a pioneer merchant of Clinton, being the second to engage in the grocery business in that city. In early life he conducted a grocery store, and also carried on a saloon in connection with it. He continued in the former business from 1862 until his death, in 1875, his store being located on the corner of Third avenue and Second street, in the neighborhood of J. L. Clarke's undertaking rooms. He had four children, of whom two are still living, these being: P. V., our subject; and J. L., who is engaged in the undertaking business. After the father's death the mother married James Sheppard, who was also an early settler of Clinton, and was for many years in charge of the wood yards of W. J. Young & Company, of this place. Since that business has been abandoned he has lived retired at 619 Seventh avenue, where he has a pleasant home. Unto James and Helen Sheppard were born five children, those living being: Lizzie, Gertie, Charles and Thomas.

Mr. Clarke, of this review, was reared and educated in Clinton, and at the age of fifteen years began his business career as clerk in a grocery store, where he was em-

ployed for two years. He then embarked in the livery business, in partnership with his brother, J. L., but on the 20th of April, 1897, he purchased the latter's interest, and has since been alone. He is an energetic, progressive and reliable business man, and is meeting with well deserved success.

Mr. Clarke was married June 17, 1896, to Miss Nellie Ruddy, of Clinton, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: Marrette, Edmund Peter, and Francis Raymond. Fraternally our subject is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and of the Sheridan Club, and is highly respected and esteemed wherever known. With his wife, he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

HANS HANSEN.

Among the foreign-born citizens of Clinton county who have achieved well-merited success in life is Hans Hansen, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Orange township, his home being on section 15. He was born in Schleswig, Germany, June 1, 1840, and during his boyhood he received a fair education in the German language, while his knowledge of English has been self-acquired since coming to this country. He served one year in the Danish army. Before leaving his native land he was united in marriage, in 1863, with Miss Mary Jensen, and he there worked on a farm for some years.

In 1868, accompanied by his wife and three children, Mr. Hansen came to the United States, sailing from Hamburg to New York. On landing in this country he proceeded at once to Davenport, Iowa, and located near that city, where he worked at anything which he could find to do for the

first two or three years. In 1870 he rented a small farm and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In March, 1874, he came to Clinton county, and after operating a rented farm for a year he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Orange township, on which a small shanty had already been built. This he improved, making it his home for several years, while he devoted his time and energies to the further improvement and cultivation of his farm. He fenced and tiled the place, set out fruit trees and erected a barn and outbuildings. He resided there until 1885, when he bought one hundred and fifty-six acres of land, where he now resides and has since added to it an adjoining tract of twenty-seven acres, making a good farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres, a total of three hundred and eighty-three acres. He gives considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, and usually fattens two car loads for market annually. On coming to this country he was without means, but he has always made the most of his opportunities, and is to-day one of the well-to-do men of his community, owning two large and valuable farms under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Hansen's first wife died in 1892, leaving eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, as follows: Anna, wife of Henri Atsen; Hans Hansen; Peter Hansen; Mary, wife of Fredrick Kelding; Lena, wife of C. C. Sackett; Johanna, wife of Theodore Trulsen; Katie, wife of James McNall; Emma, wife of Jens Gersonsen; Vina, now Mrs. Daniel Shippy; Johannis Hansen; Jacob Hansen. Mr. Hansen was again married in this county, in 1893, his second union being with Mrs. Anna Carson, who was also born and reared in Germany. There is one son by this marriage, Harry. By her former marriage



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Mrs. Hansen had two children living: John Hollig and Edward.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hansen is a Democrat, and has always supported that party since casting his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden in 1876 except in 1880, when he voted for James A. Garfield. At local elections he votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but is not a member of any religious organization, though he gives to the support of different churches. Socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Grand Mound. He has been vice-president of the German Mutual Insurance Company, of Grand Mound, and was one of the organizers and president of the German American Verein. For a third of a century he has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of this locality, and is to-day not only one of its most prosperous farmers, but is a man who commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

LEWIS P. TRITSCHLER.

Lewis P. Tritschler, the president of the Tritschler-Tiesse Malting Company, of Lyons, was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1864, and is a son of Henry and Louisa (Herzog) Tritschler. He spent the first eleven years of his life in his native city, and then came to Lyons, Iowa, making his home with his uncle, Phillip Tritschler, by whom he was reared. In 1865 his uncle located here and erected what was known as the Eagle Brewery, and in 1872 purchased a half interest in the Western Union Brewery, consolidating the two. The plant

was enlarged in 1891, and now has a capacity of twenty-five thousand barrels of beer per year. From fifty to eighty miles is the extent of their shipment, as the local demand is so great that nearly all the product is sold in Lyons and Clinton, scarcely any other beer being on sale here. Our subject early became familiar with every detail of the business, much to his uncle's delight, and soon became connected with the firm, succeeding his uncle as president in 1891. The brewery is one of the largest and best in this part of the state, is equipped with the latest improved machinery for malting, and furnishes employment to as high as fifteen hands. The beer is sold both in bottles and kegs and finds a ready sale at the highest market price on account of its excellent quality. The firm now consists of Lewis P. Tritschler, president; Frank Drasda, vice-president; and Mrs. John Tiesse.

Mr. Tritschler was married in 1889 to Miss Emmia, daughter of John Tiesse, who was connected with our subject in business, and by his upright, honorable dealings gained the confidence and respect of all who knew him. Our subject and his wife have two children: Julia and Anita. Fraternally Mr. Tritschler is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He owns a fine residence and other property in Lyons, and is regarded as one of the best and most reliable business men of the city.

LOUIS A. HODGINS.

Holding an important position in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, Louis A. Hodgins is account-

ed one of the most faithful and trustworthy employes of the road in Clinton and enjoys the confidence of the officials and the respect of those who are associated with him. Since 1892 he has maintained his residence in this city, but is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred at Galena on the 21st of June, 1857. He is of Scotch-Irish lineage. His father, Abner F. Hodgins, was born near Knoxville, Tennessee, in May, 1825, and when only four years of age became a resident of Galena, Illinois, where he was reared and educated. In 1856 he removed to Winona, Minnesota, where he engaged in the lumber business as a member of the firm of Youmans Brothers & Hodgins. They were numbered among the large mill owners on the Mississippi. Previous to his connection with the firm, however, Mr. Hodgins was agent for the firm of Carson & Rand and afterward purchased their business, conducting the enterprise until 1876, when he became a partner of Youmans Brothers. As the years went by he progressed in business and eventually became well-to-do. In politics he was a Democrat and took an active part in local affairs. Elected mayor of Winona, he filled the position for four years, proving a most capable officer, his administration resulting largely to the benefit and improvement of the city. In business circles, in political and in private life he bore an unassailable reputation and left to his family not only a comfortable competence but also an untarnished name. He wedded Mary Price, who was born in Kentucky, and died in Winona in 1862, while his death occurred on the 6th of June, 1896.

Louis A. Hodgins is the fourth in order of birth in a family of ten children, seven of whom are yet living. He attended the public schools of Winona, and also pursued a two-

years' course in a college in Racine, Wisconsin, taking a complete business course. He left school when nineteen years of age and became associated with his father in the lumber business, devoting his time to that enterprise until 1878, when he entered the service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, in the yards at Milwaukee, as switchman. After a short time, however, he left the yards to become brakeman and later was promoted to conductor, in which capacity he served for several years. He left the road in 1888 and made a tour of the western country. For a short time he worked for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company and later was on the Great Northern Road in Montana. In 1890 he returned to Chicago and secured employment in the yards of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and in 1892 was sent to Clinton to take charge of the yards at this place, having entire supervision of about seventy-five men. The work which he superintends has more than doubled since his arrival here and he now has an assistant in the day and two at night. His competency has been well proven during the years of his service here, and he is highly regarded as a reliable man, never neglectful of a duty no matter how trivial it may seem.

On coming to Clinton Mr. Hodgins purchased a residence on Camanche avenue, where he has since resided with his family. He was married in 1879, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, to Emma J. Riley, who was born in Milwaukee, that state, in 1859. She is a member of the Catholic church and a most estimable lady. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins have been born three children: Joseph, who was employed as a brakeman by the Wabash Railroad Company and was killed by an electric car at Decatur, Illinois, in 1900, and Mary and Louis L., at home. The lat-

ter is employed as pilot in the yards at Clinton. The children enjoyed the excellent educational advantages afforded in the schools of Clinton, and Louis, who is a very capable young man, is now pursuing a course of study with the intention of becoming a civil engineer. Mr. Hodgins is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Order of Railway Conductors. Such in brief is the history of one whose career has been an active, useful and honorable one, whose integrity and faithfulness are well known and who justly merits the uniform confidence which he receives.

MAMIE A. COVENY, M. D.

Among those who are successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Clinton, Iowa, is Dr. Mamie A. Coveny. She was born in Quebec, Canada, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Farley) Coveny, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Canada. In 1870 the family removed to Maryville, Missouri, where the father died in 1879, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in Clinton, Iowa. They had six children, namely: J. T., a physician of Oskaloosa, Iowa; F. H., a druggist of Eldora; Mamie A., our subject; Agatha B., wife of J. H. Gebbeken, of Lawrence, Kansas; Teresa, wife of A. W. Fox, of Burlington, Iowa; and J. H., a druggist of Colfax, this state.

Dr. Coveny received her literary education at St. Mary's Seminary in Maryville, Missouri, where she was graduated in 1886, and then entered the Iowa State University at Iowa City, and was graduated at that institution with the degree of M. D., in 1892. She has since taken a regular post-

graduate course at the Polyclinic Medical College, of Chicago, Illinois. In June, 1892, she opened an office in Clinton and has since engaged in general practice at this place. Although she is engaged in general practice she gives special attention to the diseases of women and children, and is meeting with excellent success. She is an honored member of the Clinton County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Tri-State Medical Society, and the Social Society of Iowa Medical Women, and takes an active interest in the work of these various organizations, which are among the most prominent associations of the kind in the United States. She is a frequent contributor to medical journals, and is exceedingly well informed on all advancement made in the science of medicine and surgery.

JOHN P. SADLER.

Since 1864 John P. Sadler has been a resident of Clinton county and was for many years actively identified with its agricultural interests, but is now practically living retired in the village of DeWitt, though he still owns two good farms within two miles of that place, which are operated under his supervision. A native of Germany, he was born in Luxemburg, November 7, 1837, a son of Nicholas and Anna Katrina Sadler, also natives of Luxemburg and descended from a long line of sturdy German ancestry. In 1854 the father brought his family to America, and on landing at Boston proceeded at once to Buffalo, New York, where they spent a few months, but later in the same year removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where the father

followed his trade of carpenter for two years. He then purchased a home at Key West, three miles from Dubuque, where he resided for some time while working at his trade. Later he rented land and engaged in farming for several years. In 1864 he came to Clinton county, and purchased an eighty-acre tract of timber land in Center township, which he at once commenced to clear and improve, and to which he subsequently added until he owned two hundred and forty acres. He erected thereon a good house, barn and other outbuildings, and continued his residence there throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1874 and his wife passed away in 1870, leaving three children, namely Theodore, a retired resident of Lyons; John P., our subject; and Elizabeth, who married Emil Rosch and lived for some time in Dubuque, but later removed to Lyons and from there to Council Bluffs, where her death occurred.

John P. Sadler was about seventeen years of age when he came with the family to this state and here he grew to manhood. Learning the carpenter's trade with his father, he followed that occupation for several years, and also assisted in carrying on the home farm. After his father's death he and his brother operated the place for several years, and when it was sold in 1888 he purchased a well improved farm of two hundred and forty acres in DeWitt township, upon which he made his home for four years. In 1894 he sold the farm and removed to DeWitt, where he bought residence property and has since lived retired, enjoying a well-deserved rest. In the fall of 1900 he bought two hundred acres of land, divided into two farms, one of eighty and the other of one hundred and twenty acres, both improved with a good set of farm buildings. He now

devotes his time to looking after and keeping up these places.

On the 27th of January, 1869, in Center township, this county, Mr. Sadler was united in marriage with Miss Anna Retter, who was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry and died November 14, 1885. At an early day her father, Leonard Retter, removed with his family to Illinois, and later came to Iowa, being one of the early settlers of this county. Unto our subject and his wife were born six children, namely: Nicholas, who died on the home farm in September, 1892, at the age of twenty-two years; Teresa, who married T. F. Borecke and died in DeWitt, March 23, 1897; Maggie, who is now keeping house for her father; Elizabeth, also at home; Peter, who is now employed as a pharmacist in a drug store at Davenport; and Mary, who died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Sadler took out his naturalization papers at Dubuque, and cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860, since which time he has supported the men and measures of the Democratic party, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He was reared in the Catholic faith, and he and his family are connected with the church of that denomination at DeWitt. They are people of prominence in the community where they reside, and have an extended circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

L. L. RIES.

Denmark has furnished to America many of her best and most reliable citizens, among whom is L. L. Ries, who, for over a quarter of a century, has been prominently

identified with the business interests and political affairs of Clinton, Iowa. He was born in Denmark February 15, 1852, a son of L. A. and Sabina M. (Bruhn) Ries, who were also natives of that country, and came to the new world in 1881. During his residence here the father lived retired, but in the land of his birth was engaged in farming, and was quite successful. He died in May, 1900, when lacking only a month and a half of being eighty years of age. His wife had passed away in Emmet county, Iowa, in February, 1899, when about seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of five children, all sons.

L. L. Ries was reared in his native land, and was provided with excellent educational advantages, attending college at Hadersley, where he made a special study of the classics, languages, sciences and history. He remained there until shortly before coming to America, in 1870. On landing in this country Mr. Ries came at once to Clinton county, Iowa, and for two years was engaged in farming near Low Moor, after which he was employed as clerk in a general store in that village for the same length of time. In 1875 he came to Clinton and embarked in the grocery business, which he has since carried on with marked success. He handles everything usually found in a first-class grocery store, and is now located at 245 Fifth avenue, and 310 North Fourth street.

Mr. Ries was married in 1877 to Miss Maria K. Meinecke, of this county, and to them have been born six children, namely: Louis F., of Clinton; Sabina, a clerk in the treasurer's office; Arthur A., who works in his father's store on Fifth avenue; and Walter E., Frances and Florence, who are still attending school.

In his political affiliations Mr. Ries is a

Republican, and has ever taken a very active and influential part in political matters, always attending the county and, frequently, the state conventions of his party. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have several times elected him to positions of public trust, and he capably served as alderman from the first ward one term; was sheriff of the county in 1894 and 1895, and the following year was elected city treasurer, in which position he is now serving his third term. His public and private duties have always been performed with the greatest care, and he well merits the confidence and respect so freely accorded him.

J. WALTER BAXTER.

J. Walter Baxter, a well-known engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway who has made his home in Clinton since 1859, was born in Geneva, New York, on the 15th of January, 1853, and is a son of John and Roseanna (Fairfax) Baxter. The father died when our subject was only two years old and the mother subsequently married William Simpson and removed to Fulton, Illinois. Later she came to Clinton, Iowa, where she died, 1878. By her second marriage she had one daughter, Ida A., now the wife of William B. Tufford, editor of the Clinton Age. There were several children born of the first union, but our subject is the only one now living. One son, George Baxter, was a soldier of the Civil war and was wounded in the battle of Shiloh. The family is of English origin.

Mr. Baxter, of this review, acquired his early education in the schools of Fulton and Clinton. On leaving home at the age of eighteen years he went to Chicago, where he was employed in a manufacturing plant for a

time, and while there he became acquainted with Miss Elizabeth Hibbard, who became his wife in 1874. She was born in Williamsburg, New York, in 1853, and is of Scotch ancestry. Her father, William B. Hibbard, was born in New Hampshire, in 1820, and after living in New York for some time removed to Indiana. He received a good education and was well versed on all subjects. He held responsible positions in various banks, and was employed as an accountant by several prominent firms in Chicago, where he made his home for some years. His death occurred in August, 1899. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Chamberlain, and was a native of Vermont, died in Chicago in 1871. They were the parents of three children, of whom two are still living, namely: Elizabeth C., wife of our subject; and Mary E., wife of Horace Childs of Malden, Massachusetts. Frances married Charles Hoffman, a music dealer of Clinton, Iowa, and died here in August, 1895.

Mrs. Baxter was principally reared and educated in Chicago. By her marriage to our subject she has become the mother of four children: William W., who was drowned in the Mississippi river at the age of eleven years; Rose M., who died in childhood; Maud L., who died at the age of three years; and Frank H., who was born August 29, 1882, and was graduated at the public schools of Clinton. He also took a course in the Clinton Business College and fitted himself for an electrician. For a time he held a clerical position, but is now engaged in piloting passenger engines at the depot in Clinton.

In 1876 Mr. Baxter returned to Clinton and three years later went upon the road as brakeman, but owing to an injury he received he commenced firing, and served the

company in that capacity for a number of years. In 1886 he was promoted to engineer, and as such has since been in the freight and passenger service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. He owns a well improved place in Clinton, purchased by him in 1890.

Mr. Baxter is a prominent member of several civic societies, belonging to Lafayette Lodge, K. of P.; Lincoln Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F.; Robin Hood Camp, M. W. A.; and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He was also one of the organizers of the Knights of the Maccabees at Clinton and is a member of Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., while his wife holds membership in the Grand International Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and a member of Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which she is past noble grand and has been a delegate to the grand lodge three years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baxter are quite prominent socially, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.



CAPTAIN HORACE G. HOLLINS- HEAD.

This well-known and popular river captain, residing in Lyons, Iowa, was born in York county, Canada, June 27, 1843, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) Hollinshead, who were farming people. He spent his early life upon a farm, and then came west. In choosing a river life he has certainly not missed his calling. At the age of thirty-three years he became mate on the Abner Gile, a boat plying on the Mississippi between LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Louisiana, and was under Captain Al Masten. Later he was promoted to pilot, and

served in that capacity for three years, after which he was captain of the Pegan, owned by Speck Brothers, for one season. He was next on the Abner Gile, which he purchased after running it for one year, and three years later sold a third interest in the same to his brother, Albert T. Hollinshead. He also owned an interest in the Nina, which he later disposed of. At one time he owned the Raindeer, but sold it at the end of the second season, and went to Poular Bluff, Missouri, where he was engaged in the lumber business until the high water of 1892 destroyed his property.

Captain Hollinshead then returned to Lyons, and has since been captain for Bronson & Folsom, successors to J. I. Dooley, and is now running the Flora. He is a thorough river man and is well acquainted with the Mississippi from St. Paul to St. Croix, and from the falls to St. Louis and Memphis. His life upon the water has been very successful, and he has met with no accidents worthy of note.

Captain Hollinshead first wedded Miss Mary McCollum, of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, by whom he had three children: Nettie, Charles and Benjamin. For his second wife he married Mrs. Emily (Stone) Ramsey, widow of Charles Ramsey. By Mrs. Hollinshead's first union were born two children: John S.; and Ella, wife of A. Louck. His present home was formerly the LeCoy property, which he has remodeled and improved. It is a pleasant cottage, overlooking the Mississippi, where, in his leisure hours, the Captain can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the river on which the greater part of his life has been passed. He is held in high regard by all who know him, and has many friends both on land and water.

Mrs. Hollinshead is a daughter of John

and Louisa (Weldon) Stone, and was born in Longale, Canada, but at an early age removed with her parents to New York state, St. Laurence, where she was reared and educated. In 1865 her parents removed to Omro, Wisconsin, where her father passed away at the age of ninety-two years. His wife died in New York state in 1848. In their family were ten children, three of whom are still living, namely: Dudley, who is now a resident of Fayette county, Iowa; Louisa, who makes her home with our subject; and Mrs. Hollinshead.

ALEXANDER S. SPALDING.

The well-known foreman of the machine shop at the new round house of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway in Clinton, Iowa, was born in Edinburg, Scotland, on the 8th of April, 1855, and is a son of William and Magdeline (Taylor) Spalding, who spent their entire lives in that country. For twenty-six years the father was successfully engaged in the grocery business in Edinburg, and at his death was succeeded by his son, John, who still carries on the business. The father died in 1883, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother departed this life in 1881, at the age of sixty years. Our subject is the only one of their children living in America, but he has two brothers and one sister who still make their home in Scotland.

In early life Mr. Spalding learned the machinist's trade in his native city and also became familiar with marine mechanical work. He was employed as a journeyman for some time before coming to America. It was on the 5th of July, 1880, that he landed in this country and proceeded to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was in the employ of the

Fort Wayne, Muncie & Cincinnati Railroad for one year, and with the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company about the same length of time. Coming to Clinton in 1882, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as a journeyman, and worked in the old shops on Second street until the new shop on Camanche avenue was built. Here he had charge of locating and fitting the machinery, and when the shop was completed in June, 1900, he was appointed foreman. Previously he had worked in the air-brake department five years, and had charge of the tool-making department about the same length of time. He now has supervision of all the repair work in connection with the new round house, which is said to be the largest round house in the world, and he has eleven men working under him. He is a skilled mechanic and is well qualified to fill the responsible position which he now holds.

Mr. Spalding was married in Clinton, May 3, 1882, to Miss Euphemia Ross, and to them were born five children, of whom David died at the age of two years. Those living are Magdeline, William, Effie and James. Miss Ross was also born in the northern part of Scotland, she coming to Clinton, where she lived till her marriage. In his social relations Mr. Spalding is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is well and favorably known, and has a host of warm friends in Clinton.

GEORGE E. WILSON.

It is always interesting to know the secret of success, to review the course that a man has taken in his efforts to gain prosperity, and an investigation into the life record of Mr. Wilson will show that he has

placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of indefatigable labor and perseverance, and that to this has been added sound judgment. He to-day stands at the head of the Clinton Bridge and Iron Works, one of the leading industrial concerns of Clinton, Iowa.

Mr. Wilson is a native of England, his birth having occurred March 18, 1847, and when about nine years of age he came to America. His parents were George and Eliza (Roberts) Wilson. The mother died in England, and he came to this country with the father and three sisters, he being the only son. The father located near Rockford, in Winnebago county, Illinois, and for many years was a resident of the Prairie state, but was eventually killed in a railroad accident near Rockford in 1892, when about seventy years of age.

Mr. Wilson was reared on a farm and assisted in the farm work from the age of seven until he was seventeen years of age. As the opportunity was afforded him he attended school in his native land until the removal of the family to the United States when he was nine years of age. Soon after his arrival here he attended school for about five weeks, and again, at the age of nineteen years, for six weeks he attended a country school one winter, during which time he did chores in payment for his board. Beyond this he has educated himself, and is to-day a man of broad and general knowledge, and withal a polished and refined gentleman. After leaving the farm Mr. Wilson worked in a flouring mill and in a reaper factory, and also learned the moulder's trade. Subsequently he was employed at the machinist and foundry business, and also worked at pattern making, serving an apprenticeship in Rockford. He completed his term about the time when the Civil war was ended and went



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south, spending the period of reconstruction in Louisiana and Alabama. He was in the employ of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad for about two years, and then went to New Orleans, where he worked at his trade for about two years. After about four years spent in the south he returned north and located in Beloit, Wisconsin.

In 1872, shortly after his return from the south, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage at Rockford, Illinois, to Miss Hannah Fitzmaurice, daughter of John Fitzmaurice, an old resident of Boone county, Illinois, where her parents died when she was a child, after which she was taken and reared by an aunt, a resident of Rockford, Illinois.

At Beloit, Wisconsin, Mr. Wilson was in the employ of the Merrill & Houston Iron Works, and was with the company for two years, after which he moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he had charge of a plant for a short time. After leaving Omaha he was for a few months engaged in the butter business at De Kalb, Illinois. His next service was with the Williams & Orton Manufacturing Company, at Sterling, Illinois, but soon after entering their employ, however, he engaged in business on his own account in connection with that company, in the manufacture of mill machinery and gas engines, which company was later merged into the Charter Gas Engine Company. In 1892 he closed negotiations which resulted in his present connection with the Clinton Bridge and Iron Works. This is one of the leading industrial concerns of the country, and the present officers are G. E. Wilson, president and treasurer, and G. E. Wilson, Jr., secretary. The business was incorporated in 1892 with the same officers as the present company, succeeding the Clinton Bridge and Iron Company, which in turn was the successor to the Union Iron Works Company.

Their contract work covers a large amount of territory, extending as far west as the Pacific coast and south to Louisiana and Texas. It also covers a wide range to the north and east. They build every kind of bridge known, and their business has already reached great magnitude and is continually increasing. They furnish employment to from three hundred to three hundred and fifty men, including their contracting agents. The business of the company is indicated by the fact that these men are employed throughout the year and work to a considerable extent overtime, and many times running night and day. The plant is located between First and Second avenues and extends two blocks east from Second street. It covers between eight and ten acres of ground, and is splendidly equipped with the latest improved machinery and most modern facilities for turning out everything demanded in their line of work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have five children: Louise, at home; G. E., and J. F., who are connected with their father in business, the former is the secretary and the latter is vice-president of the company; Orrin E., who is a student in the Leland Stanford University, of California, and is one of the directors of the Clinton Bridge and Iron Works; Frank E., who is also a director in the corporation and is busily employed in the office. The four sons and father constitute the board of directors of the company.

Mr. Wilson manifested his loyalty to the government during the Civil war by enlisting in the Fifty-second Illinois Infantry, as a member of Company E, about six months before the surrender of General Lee. He was never sent to the front, however. Twice before this time he had run away from home in order to join the army, but his father would not permit him to become a

soldier on account of his youthful age. At the third attempt, however, he succeeded in winning his father's consent.

Mr. Wilson has every reason to be proud of what he has accomplished in life. He was only seven years of age when, in England, he began to work in the fields for sixpence per day, and after working in this manner for some time he was given eightpence, equal to sixteen cents in our money. In the fall of 1856 he crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, which required thirty-three days to make the voyage, and from New York he made his way to Chicago as an emigrant, going to Dunkirk by rail, thence to Toledo by boat, and from there to Chicago in an emigrant train. The city at that time presented a very different appearance from the metropolis of the present. He saw a four-mule team stuck in the mud on Fifth avenue in front of where the Northwestern Railroad general offices are now located. When he was at Dunkirk, New York, waiting for the boat, he worked for a few days at picking up potatoes for a farmer, and thus earned a few pennies. On the lake trip they encountered one of the worst storms that ever visited the lake region, and they were compelled to put in port for three days. After starting again the boat became stuck on a sand bar and thus delayed them for an additional three days. Such were some of the difficulties and trials which Mr. Wilson encountered during his early residence in America, but perseverance and a strong purpose have enabled him to overcome all the obstacles in his path, and with resolute will he has worked his way upward until he now occupies a commanding position in the world of trade. His business interests are far-reaching, and furnish to him a handsome income annually. But the most envious can

not grudge him success, so honorably has it been won and so worthily is it used.

Mr. Wilson is a member of Sterling Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M., and also the chapter, council and commandery at Sterling, and El Kahir Temple, Mystic Shrine, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. While not a politician in the ordinary sense of the term, he has always taken an interest in governmental affairs, and while at Sterling he served as alderman from his ward, during which time many of the public improvements in the city were carried on. His ability as a financier is unquestioned, and in addition to his private interests he is a stockholder and director in the Merchants National Bank of Clinton. With his family, he lives at No. 1020 North Second street, Clinton.

DANIEL ECHARD.

The subject of this review, who is one of the leading farmers and representative citizens of Bloomfield township, his home being on section 10, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 22d of July, 1842, and is a son of Peter and Margaret (Hartman) Echard, both natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. The father was a soldier of the German army. He was born in 1811, and continued his residence in his native land for a few years after his marriage, when he came to the United States, and made his home in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, for three years. At the end of that time he removed to Wayne county, Ohio, and purchased a small tract of timberland, on which he built a small log house, living there until the spring of 1862, when he removed eighteen miles north of that place. There he owned two eighty-acre tracts.

which, together with the old farm, made five hundred acres. He died in Wayne county, in May, 1868, and was buried in the Dalton cemetery. After his death the mother made her home with her son, Peter, in Dalton, and later with her daughter, Mrs. Kate Shultz, at whose home she died in August, 1887. Her remains were also interred in the Dalton cemetery. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, he not only gained a comfortable competence, but also won the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children, namely: Margaret became the wife of Eli Cox, a resident of Steuben county, Indiana, and died in April, 1891. Mary wedded Adam Kehn, of Delmar, Iowa, and died December 19, 1895. John wedded Fannie Rudy, deceased, and resides in Wayne county, Ohio. Jacob, who served three years in the Civil war, married Annie Martin, and is engaged in farming in Wayne county, Ohio. Peter married Lydia Rape, and follows farming in Wayne county. Lydia first married Jacob Beck, who enlisted in an Ohio regiment, and died in the service of his country, and she later became the wife of Philip Hoover, of Wayne county. Elizabeth, who died in October, 1897, was the wife of Peter Hartle, of Wayne county. Kate is the wife of Martin Shultz, a wagon and carriage manufacturer, of Dalton, Ohio. Daniel, our subject, is next in order of birth. Susan is the wife of William Kosier, a farmer of Wayne county, Ohio. George, who was in the shoe business in Cerro Gordo, Illinois, married Susan Martin, and died in May, 1876.

During his boyhood Daniel Echard acquired a good practical education in the subscription schools, where he was a careful

student, until twenty-two years of age. In the meantime he assisted in the work of the home farm, and on leaving the parental roof, in 1865, went to Steuben county, Indiana, where he was engaged in cutting timber and splitting rails for a year. The following winter was spent at his old home in Ohio, and in the spring of 1866 he came to DeWitt, Clinton county, Iowa. From there he walked to the home of his brother-in-law, Adam Kehn, in Bloomfield township, where he worked for him and others for two years. He then visited his old home in Ohio for a short time.

On his return to this county, Mr. Echard was married, March 10, 1868, at DeWitt, to Miss Mary Klotz, who was also born in Wayne county, Ohio, February 7, 1851. Her parents, John and Mary (Kehn) Klotz, were born, reared and married in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America about 1853 on a sailing vessel. The voyage, which was a very stormy and dangerous one, lasted forty-five days, and when near the shores of this country the vessel ran into a pirate ship and came very nearly being sunk, but finally reached New York in safety. Mr. and Mrs. Klotz first settled in Wayne county, Ohio, where he bought a small farm of twenty-three acres, and there they resided six years. At the end of that time they came overland to Iowa, in what was known as a prairie schooner, and Mr. Klotz purchased eighty acres of land in Bloomfield township, Clinton county, where he continued to make his home until his death. At the same time there came to this county, with the Klotz family, J. Hurt, D. Gish, Jacob Correll, John Brown, and a Mr. Snyder, who all located in the same neighborhood. While visiting William Betzendeffer, who lived in the same locality, Mr. Klotz was attacked by three dogs and

was severely bitten, after an awful fight with the brutes, from the effects of which he died January 14, 1863. His wife then carried on the home farm until she, too, was called to her final rest, July 10, 1896, the remains of both being interred in Union cemetery. Mrs. Echard is the oldest of their six children, the others being as follows: Jacob married Carrie Hatfield, and resides on the old homestead farm; Elizabeth died at the age of nineteen years; Annie first married John Weir, and second Frank Stayman, and died in Clinton county, May 23, 1896; Emma is the wife of George Sleeper, who lives south of Delmar, in this county; and John died at the age of four years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Echard were born eight children, namely: Franklin O., born April 24, 1869, married Cora Foster, and resides in Marion, Iowa, being an engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. John W., born May 6, 1871, married Cora Clayton, and is engaged in the poultry business in Delmar. Rosa Viola, born January 4, 1877, and Bruce O., born July 16, 1879, are both at home. Maude, born August 8, 1883, was killed by the cars on Wednesday night, about six o'clock, December 13, 1899, while driving home alone from Maquoketa, where she had been attending the Diamond School for Cutting and Fitting. At this crossing the Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roads run side by side, and as there were two trains due, one going east and the other west, it is supposed that, after watching the eastern bound train pass, she thought the track clear, and in this way did not notice the approaching train on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, as the wind was blowing very hard from the northeast, and carried the smoke from the engine over her

head. The train was in charge of J. B. Fowler, conductor, and D. J. Benjamin, engineer. As she drove over the track the engine must have struck one of the rear wheels, disengaging the buggy from the horse, which was uninjured, and throwing the buggy on the pilot of the engine. Miss Echard was found lying against the boiler head of the engine with her skull fractured. She was taken to Dr. McMeel's, in Delmar, where she expired. Erma N., born October 1, 1885, is attending school. Ralph, born June 19, 1881, died in December, 1882. Harry, born December 25, 1889, died in infancy.

For a year after his marriage Mr. Echard operated his mother-in-law's farm, and the following year rented a farm of Benjamin Spencer. At the end of that time he bought eighty acres of partially improved land on section 10, Bloomfield township, which he broke and placed under cultivation. In 1889 he bought forty-two acres more, and in 1894 twenty-acres, so that he now has a good farm of one hundred and forty-two acres. His first home was a log house, but in 1883 it was replaced by a more commodious and comfortable frame residence, and four years later he built a good large barn. Besides his property, he owns a quarter section of land near Mitchell, Hanson county, South Dakota. In connection with general farming he is engaged in raising a high grade of horses, cattle and hogs for market, and feeds all the grain that he raises to his stock. In 1899 Mr. Echard turned over the active management of the farm to his son, Bruce, who has full control of the same under the careful guidance of his father.

Mr. Echard attends the Methodist church, and is a stanch supporter of the Republican party. He has served as road com-

missioner for a number of years, and as a public-spirited, progressive and up-to-date farmer, he takes an interest in all enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare. He is an intellectual gentleman of high social qualities, a fluent talker, and one of the most influential citizens of his community.

ANDREW BATHER,

The subject of this sketch, who is a popular florist, nurseryman and gardener, of Clinton, Iowa, has been connected with the business affairs of the city since 1857, and in his undertaking has met with excellent success. He was born in Manchester, England, July 22, 1840, and is a son of Thomas and Agnes (Killett) Bather, who brought their family to the new world in 1849, and settled in Albany, New York, where the father was engaged in his chosen occupation—that of landscape gardener—until called to his final rest, in March, 1859, at the age of fifty-nine years. His wife died April 5, 1866, at the age of sixty-six years. Of the children born to them, all but three died young, those who reached maturity were: John R., Emma M., and Andrew.

As previously stated, Andrew Bather came to Clinton in 1857, and for a year was engaged in market gardening on the Aiken farm, located on the Bluff road, but this place has since been laid off in town lots, with Third and Fourth avenues running through it. In 1859 he formed a partnership with his brother, John R., and together they leased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land from the Iowa Land Company, and another twenty-five-acre piece adjoining. They successfully engaged in farming, gardening and the nursery busi-

ness for some time, and subsequently purchased twenty acres of that tract which they had previously rented. They established what was known as the Sunnyside Nursery, and commenced making a specialty of seeds and fine nursery goods. They also carried on general gardening, and first built upon their place two greenhouses, one sixteen by sixty feet in dimensions, the other eight by sixty. This was added to until at the time the firm was discontinued they had over nine thousand square feet of glass. When the partnership was dissolved John took the greenhouses, and our subject the nursery and garden, but the latter has since built greenhouses upon his place, and now has fifty-five hundred square feet under glass. He raises a choice variety of bedded plants, and is prepared to furnish all kinds of cut flowers for weddings, banquets and funerals, making a specialty of set pieces. He ships his flowers in every direction, and was the first florist to send cut flowers and plants to the cities of Iowa, and is to-day the oldest established florist in the state. For the past five years he has had fine salesrooms on Fifth avenue, which are artistically arranged, and besides having on sale all kinds of flowers, he also carries a good line of jardiniers, etc. He has sold considerable property, which has been divided into town lots and is now all built up. Over half of the shade and ornamental trees in the city of Clinton have been handled by Mr. Bather, and the city is one of the most beautifully shaded in the state. He has also personally superintended the making of most of the beautiful lawns of Clinton, which are to be seen on every hand.

Mr. Bather has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Martha A. Beaumont, a native of Brooklyn, New York, and a daughter of John H. Beaumont. She died,

leaving one child, Martha A., who is now the wife of Arthur D. Burdick, and has one son, LeRoy. Mr. Bather then married Charlotte A. Beaumont, the sister of his first wife, and to them were born five children, namely: Leo H., who is his father's assistant; John E.; Ralph J.; Agnes H.; and Edith E. The family have a very pleasant home.

In his social relations Mr. Bather is a member of the Odd Fellow's lodge, of which he is past grand; the Rebekah branch of that order; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Knights and Ladies of Honor; the Golden Security; and the Good Templars. He is also an active member of the First Baptist church, and his upright, honorable life has gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. Prior to the war of the Rebellion he was an abolitionist, and his home was a station on the famous "underground railroad," by which means he assisted many a slave on his way to Canada, helping as many as twelve at one time.

JASPER K. GOODWIN.

One of the most popular passenger conductors on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, residing in Clinton, is Jasper K. Goodwin, who was born in Durand, Illinois, December 26, 1858, and is the only surviving child of John and Mary J. (Kelley) Goodwin. Unto them were born three children, but one son died in infancy, and a daughter at the age of twenty-six years. The father entered the Union army during the Civil war, and was killed in the service when our subject was only three years old, but the mother is still living at the age of

sixty-five years, and makes her home in Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. Goodwin lived with his grandfather in Rockton, Illinois, until sixteen years of age, and is indebted to the public schools of that place for his educational privileges. He then started out in life for himself and served a three years' apprenticeship to the miller's trade in Beloit, Wisconsin. He next went to Centralia, Missouri, where he worked for a time, meeting with good success, and subsequently was employed in the mills of Kansas City for two years. In July, 1880, he came to Clinton, Iowa, and entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, being brakeman on a passenger train with William Foote, conductor, for two years. During the succeeding year and a half he was on a freight train as brakeman, and in 1884 was promoted to conductor, running trains between Clinton and Boone. He remained in the freight service until 1897, when he was given a passenger run, and is now in charge of Nos. 25 and 7 going out of Clinton, and Nos. 12 and 16 coming back. In 1891 he purchased a home at No. 839 Eleventh avenue, which at that time was in a cornfield, but that locality is now all built up.

At Kansas City, in 1890, Mr. Goodwin married Miss Fanny M. Hooker, who was born in Rockton, Illinois, in 1870, but was principally reared in Kansas City, and educated in its public schools. Her father owned a dairy and fruit farm near that city, and there he died, but her mother's death occurred in Des Moines, Iowa. Of the three children born to our subject and his wife one died in infancy. Those living are Harley H., who was born in 1891; and Kittie Helen, who was born in 1898.

Mr. Goodwin spent one year in Des Moines, having a run from that city to

Ames, Iowa, during that time. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic fraternity, while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star Chapter of the latter order. Religiously she is a member of the Congregational church, and our subject gives to its support. He also belongs to Clinton Division, No. 33, O. R. C., and has held office in the same. His success in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, and he well merits the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens and business associates.

JOHN COPENHAFER.

John Copenhafer, a well-known retired farmer and substantial citizen of DeWitt, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1832, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Schnelbecker) Copenhafer. The father was born in the same county in 1797, and was a son of Michael Copenhafer, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, and of German parentage. In early life Henry Copenhafer followed the millwright's trade, but later devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, and spent his entire life in his native county, dying there in 1858. His wife, who was also born in Pennsylvania of German parentage, died in 1875.

Our subject's early educational privileges were limited, and he is almost wholly self-educated. Reared upon a farm, as soon as he was old enough he began to assist in its operation, and remained under the parental roof until he was married, in 1856, to Miss Mary Shettle, also a native of York county, and a daughter of Michael Shettle,

who was one of the early settlers of that state. In 1864 her parents removed to Bureau county, Illinois, and the following year went to Grinnell, Iowa, but after spending the summer at that place returned to Bureau county, Illinois, where Mr. Shettle bought a farm and engaged in its operation for some years. His last years were spent in Princeton, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-three, having survived his wife about two years.

After his marriage Mr. Copenhafer rented land in York county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in farming until 1863, when he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, and rented a farm near Princeton for two years. At the end of that time he came to Iowa and located in Jasper county, where he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land, but at the end of a year sold out and returned to Bureau county, Illinois, where he continued to operate rented land for ten years. In 1880 he again came to Iowa, and this time settled in Berlin township, Clinton county, where he purchased four hundred acres of land, on which was a good house. He built a barn and made other substantial improvements, and later erected two sets of farm buildings upon the place. It is now one of the best improved and most desirable farms of its size in Berlin township. In connection with the cultivation of his land, Mr. Copenhafer also engaged in raising and feeding stock with good success. He started out in life for himself with no capital; in fact, had to borrow the money with which to get married, and the prosperity that has come to him is but a just reward of his untiring labors and indomitable perseverance. In 1893 he removed to DeWitt and bought residence property, which he has enlarged and remodeled, making a good home.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Copenhafer were born seven children, namely: August, who is married and holds a responsible business position in Kansas City; Emma Jane, wife of Frank Lefever, of Miles, Iowa; William H., who is married and lives on the home farm; Martin, now at North Port, Washington; Clara, wife of S. J. Simmons, a railroad man of Clinton; J. W., who is married and also follows farming on the old homestead; and Mamie, who is in business in Clinton.

Mr. Copenhafer cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, but in 1860 supported Abraham Lincoln, and has since affiliated with the Republican party. In 1872, while living in Bureau county, Illinois, he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and now holds membership in the lodge at DeWitt, where he has filled all the chairs and is now past grand. His estimable wife is a member of the Congregational church. His life record is one well worthy of emulation and contains many valuable lessons of incentive, showing the possibilities that are opened to young men who wish to improve every opportunity for advancement.

DARWIN AUSTIN PARSONS.

Among the old and honored residents of Clinton is Darwin Austin Parsons, who is now living a retired life in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves by reason of his industrious efforts of former years. He was born in West Haven, Vermont, March 17, 1827, a son of Austin and Jane (Wilkinson) Parsons, both of whom were of English descent. The father was born near Ticonderoga, New

York, and died in that state at the age of forty-five years, leaving his family in limited circumstances. He was a laborer, and was employed in sawmills for a number of years. After his death the mother was cared for and supported by her sons, and with them came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1856, making her home here until she, too, was called to her final rest. In the family were three children, namely: Darwin A., our subject; Richard D., a retired resident of Clinton, who was a soldier of the Civil war and received injuries in the battle of Fort Donelson, from which he has never recovered; and Sophia, who died unmarried in New York.

During his boyhood Mr. Parsons acquired only a very meager education in the district schools of New York. At the age of fourteen he commenced earning his own livelihood by working in the sawmill of his uncle, Chancy Lamb, at Bradford, Steuben county, New York, as a lathe boy at wages of twenty-five cents per day. The lumber from that mill was shipped to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and from the mill operated by Mr. Lamb at Big Flats, Chemung county, New York, the lumber was sent to Troy, that state. Our subject was employed at the latter mill for a time and Mr. Lamb received a gold watch for putting out the best lumber that went to Troy that year. As he grew older and became more accustomed to the business he was promoted gradually. In 1852 he went to Canada with Mr. Lamb and assisted in locating a mill in the timber. He was made general foreman of the plant, having entire charge when Mr. Lamb was absent at his home in New York, and he remained there until coming to Clinton, Iowa, in 1852, at which time the town was in its infancy. He has watched with interest the growth



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and development of the city, and has seen its numerous mills and manufacturing plants established.

When Mr. Lamb's old mill at Clinton was destroyed by fire what was known as the brick mill was then erected and equipped with the latest machinery obtainable at that time. Mr. Parsons was then given the position of mill foreman and retained it until retired by Mr. Lamb prior to his death. This was in 1895. Soon after locating here he purchased property and erected a residence, and in 1889 bought his present residence, which he has since enlarged and improved with all modern conveniences, a pleasant home at 740 Camanche avenue.

Mr. Parsons was married in Steuben county, New York, January 15, 1850, to Miss Lucy Walling, who was born in that state in 1833, and received a good common school education there. She always enjoyed good health until a few years ago, but has since been an invalid. She accompanied her husband to Canada and has been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet on life's journey. To them were born two children, but the younger, Ollie, who married John B. Shafer, died in Clinton at the age of twenty-one years. Sophia is the wife of B. F. Holway, a farmer of Missouri, and they have seven children, namely: Ollie has long made her home with our subject, and is a graduate of the public schools of Clinton. Lucy also lived with her grandfather and after graduating from the Clinton Business College held a position in this city. She is now the wife of William Dayton, of Leeds, South Dakota, and they have one child. Franklin, a resident of Missouri, is married and has three children. Austin now lives in Colorado. Truman, Isie and Louis are all at home with their parents.

Since voting for Fremont in 1856, Mr.

Parsons has always affiliated with the Republican party, but has never cared for political honors, although he served one term as a member of the city council. Both he and his wife are members of the Universalist church of Clinton, in which he served as deacon and trustee for many years. For many years he was one of the active and progressive business men of the city, as well as one of its most reliable and honored citizens, and now in his declining years is enjoying a well-earned rest, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life. As one of the pioneers and representative men of the community he is well worthy the high regard in which he is uniformly held, and is deserving of prominent mention in the history of his adopted county.



JOSEPH McCLOY.

This well-known and successful farmer, residing on section twelve, Bloomfield township, was born on the 16th of October, 1840, in County Antrim, Ireland, of which his parents, Welsh and Jane McCloy, were also natives. In 1852, the father, in company with his son Samuel, emigrated to America, and on landing in New York took the train for Freeport, Illinois, from which place they came by team to Maquoketa, Iowa, where the father worked for some time as a carpenter and stone mason, being employed first on the Mitchell block of that city. He laid the foundation for the academy and built a number of business houses and private residences. At the end of two years he was joined by the remainder of the family, and continued to make his home in Maquoketa until 1856, when he removed to a farm in Bloomfield township, this county,

having purchased forty acres of wild prairie land. He made many improvements on the place and continued its cultivation until his death, which occurred April 19, 1872, his remains being interred in the Union church cemetery in Brookfield township. Politically he affiliated with the Republican party, and religiously was a supporter of the Presbyterian church. He was a man of the highest respectability and was widely and favorably known throughout the county. His widow now resides with our subject and is the owner of the old home farm.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: Samuel enlisted during the Civil war in the Second Iowa Cavalry, and after serving one year died of typhoid pneumonia at La Grange, Tennessee, in 1863. Jane is the wife of Oscar W. Sheldon, of Welton, Iowa. William, born in Ireland, married Lucy Bennett, a native of Michigan, and resides in Bloomfield township, where he owns a farm of two hundred acres. He also has ninety acres in Waterford township. In politics he is a Republican. Mary is the wife of Sheldon Peck, of Fremont county, Iowa. Rosetta is keeping house for our subject. Robert is a resident of Fremont county. Phebe, born in America, is the wife of Harrison Kohl, who lives near Indianola, Iowa.

Joseph McCloy, the fifth in order of birth, attended the district schools of Bloomfield township until about eighteen years of age, and early acquired an excellent knowledge of all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He assisted in the operation of the home farm, and since his father's death has had the management of the same. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he also cultivates, and is successfully engaged in raising a high grade of horses, short-horn cattle and Ches-

ter white hogs. As an upright, reliable and conscientious business man, he well merits the prosperity that has come to him. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and in his social relations he is a member of Independent Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., of Maquoketa, and Monitor Lodge, No. 330, A. F. & A. M., of Delmar. Like his father, he is highly respected and esteemed by all whom know him.

W. A. REED,

One of the best-known passenger engineers on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad residing in Clinton, was born in Chicago, July 29, 1854, his parents being H. M. and Malvina (Shellman) Reed, who were natives of Canada and New York, respectively. The father was one of the early railroad men of the west, and was an engineer on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for twelve or fifteen years, running out of Chicago, to which city he removed in the early '50s. He was also one of the first engineers on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and ran the work train which hauled the iron and ties for the road between Denison and Council Bluffs. Later he was one of the passenger engineers on the Western Iowa division, and subsequently worked for the railway still farther west. Shortly before his death he retired from the road on account of ill health, and died in Clinton, in November, 1887. He had survived his wife several years, her death occurring in Manning, Iowa, in 1869. In their family were four children, namely: W. A., our subject; Henrietta, wife of H. W. Bailey, of Manning, Iowa; C. H., an engineer on the Western Iowa division of

the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and a resident of Boone.

During the childhood of our subject W. A. Reed removed with his parents to Aurora, Illinois, where they remained until he was eleven years of age, and to its public schools he is indebted for his early educational advantages. The father then entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and brought his family to Iowa. They lived in a car which accompanied the work train carrying the supplies for the road, their home being on the road while laying the track from Denison to Council Bluffs. Later they lived between Boone and Dunlap.

At the age of fifteen years Mr. Reed commenced braking on the road, but at the end of two weeks decided to become his father's fireman on the road between Dunlap and Boone, and while thus employed he was hurt in getting off the engine. In 1870 he entered the employ of the International & Great Northern Railroad in Texas, firing a wood burner, and during the year spent with that road made his headquarters at Palestine, Texas. He next went to Topeka, Kansas, and ran on the Santa Fe Railroad to La Junta, which was then the end of the line. Seven months later he went to southern California and was in charge of a gang of Chinamen engaged in grading for the track on the Southern Pacific Railway. Subsequently he went to Sacramento, and entered the employ of the Central Pacific Railroad as fireman on a wood burner. Shortly afterward he went to Emigrant Gap, in the Sierra Nevada mountains, where he had charge of a fire engine, or a train on the Central Pacific Railroad to watch snow sheds, nine months being thus passed. We next find him in Carson City, Nevada,

and for a year he engaged in firing on an engine on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad.

In 1877 Mr. Reed came to Clinton, Iowa, and re-entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as fireman. In 1881 he was promoted to freight engineer, and for the past twelve or fifteen years was frequently called on to run extra passenger trains. He now has a regular run on the No. 1 overland limited to Boone, and returns on No. 16. He has been very lucky in his railroad career, and has met with no very serious accidents. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics he is a Republican, and as a citizen takes a commendable interest in public affairs.

Mr. Reed married Miss Marian Virginia Hempstead, of Nevada, Iowa, and unto them two children were born, namely: Zoe Belle, who died February 8, 1897, at the age of sixteen years; and Rae Violet. Mrs. Reed's parents were John and Ellen (Ramsey) Reed. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, was the third or fourth settler of Story county, Iowa, where he located a claim with a soldier's land warrant received by his father, Charles Hempstead, for his services in the war of 1812. He was killed in a runaway in 1892, and Mrs. Reed's mother died in 1870. They were the parents of six children. Mr. Reed has a fine home at 423 Eighth avenue, where he has lived for the past ten or twelve years.

HENRY EBERSOLE.

Henry Ebersole, who is engaged in general farming on section seven, Bloomfield township, was born on the 10th of June, 1846, in Pennsylvania, and is a son of Abra-

ham and Barbara Ebersole, who were also natives of the same state. They were married there, and in the spring of 1865 removed to Illinois, settling upon a farm. The following autumn they removed to Iowa, taking up their abode upon a farm near Delmar, Mr. Ebersole renting the land upon which he made his home for two years. He and his family afterwards spent four years near Maquoketa and then returned to Brookfield township, where a farm was purchased north of Delmar, comprising one hundred and sixty acres. There Mr. Ebersole carried on agricultural pursuits for five years, after which he purchased what is known as the old Norton farm, but after a year he removed again to the vicinity of Delmar and bought the old Setford farm, continuing its cultivation for seven years. He afterward became the owner of the Conray place, and seven years later he disposed of his landed possessions and removed to Maquoketa, where he resided for eleven years. In the fall of 1900 he gave up active business life and is now living retired, making his home with his children. His wife died July 16, 1892, and lies buried in Brookfield township. For his second wife he married in 1897, Mrs. Sarah McCurdy.

Mr. Ebersole has been an energetic, progressive man, and his perseverance and diligence have been the means of winning him creditable success. He is also public spirited, and interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its advancement along social, material and moral lines. He has refused to accept office, but has always supported the Republican party and attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In the Ebersole family were eleven children, namely: Mattie, who died in infancy; Henry, of this review; Catherine, who be-

came the wife of Albert Bentley, who resided near Maquoketa and died in June, 1887, leaving a son and two daughters; Fannie, who is the wife of J. C. Hammond, of Omaha, Nebraska, who died in the summer of 1899 and is survived by one of their two children: Mary Ann, the wife of John Gish, who resides on a farm near Maquoketa and has two children; Isaac, who married Cynthia Hinkley and resides near Delmar; Emma, who married Abe Hurst, and with their one child they reside near Delmar; Amos B., who married Dora Eddy and is living at Guthrie Center, Iowa, with their one child; and three children who died in infancy.

The educational advantages which Henry Ebersole enjoyed were very limited. He was a student in the district schools for a time, but in the practical school of experience he has learned the greater part of the lessons which fit him for life's duties. At the age of twenty-one he put aside his textbooks and assisted his father upon the farm until his marriage, which occurred March 4 1876, at Delmar, Iowa, the lady of his choice being Miss Elizabeth Bollinger. She was a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Miller) Bollinger, both of whom were natives of Switzerland. Their marriage was celebrated in Indiana, and in the fall of 1854 they removed westward, settling in the vicinity of Delmar, upon a farm which the father purchased the following spring. There they resided until 1884, when Mr. Bollinger purchased another farm, having sold the first property. The second place consisted of one hundred and thirty acres of good land in Bloomfield township. His death there occurred in 1890. The mother resided upon the homestead until 1891, when she removed to an adjoining farm of fifty acres, there residing until 1900, when she

sold the property to her youngest son and now makes her home with Mr. Ebersole. Mrs. Ebersole was one of a family of twelve children. Eight of this number are yet living, namely: Elizabeth, who became the wife of our subject; Edward, a farmer near Delmar, who married Emma A. Davis and has one child; Lydia, the wife of Samuel Barrick, of O'Brien county, Iowa, by whom she has three children; Jacob, who married Julia Schamp and with his wife and five children resides near Fulton, Jackson county, Iowa; Anna, the wife of Daniel K. Kauffman, a farmer of Bloomfield township, by whom she has five children; Henry, an agriculturist living near Eldwood, Iowa, who married Agnes Schultz and has seven children; Katie, the wife of George Sidle, who resides upon a farm in Bloomfield township, and by whom she has five children; Leonard, who married Leafy Baker, by whom he has one child. They reside upon a farm near Maquoketa.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ebersole was blessed with two children: Frank E., who was born February 28, 1877, and is now with his father; and Rosie A., who was born February 4, 1879, and died May 17, 1890. The mother of these children was called to her final rest on June 13, 1901.

After his marriage Mr. Ebersole began farming upon rented land in Bloomfield township, where he remained for six years, when he purchased forty acres of land near Delmar, making his home thereon for two years. At the expiration of that period he sold the place and came to his present home of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Bloomfield township. He has made excellent improvements upon the place and has an attractive residence, which stands in the midst of a well-kept lawn that is adorned with beautiful flower beds. There are also

good barns and substantial outbuildings upon the place and everything is kept in repair, indicating the careful supervision of the diligent and enterprising owner. His son Frank makes a specialty of breeding Aberdeen Angus cattle, and one of that breed sold at the live stock show at Chicago in 1900 for one dollar and fifty cents per pound. He raises hogs and horses for the market, and his stock-raising business is meeting with creditable success.

Mr. Ebersole, of this review, gives his attention almost exclusively to his farm, and on this account has never been an aspirant for office, although he has served as road supervisor and school director. He votes with the Republican party and attends the Methodist Episcopal church. From the time he attained his majority he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, and his capable business management and energy have been the strongest features in his prosperity.

GEORGE B. DAYTON.

Since 1870 this gentleman has been one of the most efficient and trusted employes of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and during the greater part of this time has been a resident of Clinton. A native of New York, he was born in Montgomery, Orange county, January 13, 1843, and is a son of Merritt W. and Emily (Hill) Dayton, who were also born there, and were representatives of very old New York and New England families. The father died in 1853 at Allen's Grove, Scott county, Iowa, the same year that he came west. The mother is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four years, and makes her home at Eldridge Junction, about seven miles from

the place where they first located on their arrival in this state. In the family were nine children, four of whom are living, namely: Sarah, wife of Andrew Bell, of Eldridge, Scott county; George B., our subject; Ira M., a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of Des Moines; and Charles E., a conductor on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad, and a resident of Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of ten years when he accompanied the family on their removal to Iowa. The farm on which they located was all wild prairie land, and he assisted his mother in the management and operation of the same until the Civil war broke out. Feeling that his country needed his services, he laid aside all personal interests and enlisted at Davenport, April 24, 1861, in Company C, Second Iowa Infantry, under Captain Brewster. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, and participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing and Corinth, besides several minor engagements. When his term of enlistment expired Mr. Dayton was mustered out, April 24, 1864, and returned to the old home farm in Scott county, remaining with his mother until he entered upon his railroad career in 1870.

Mr. Dayton was married in 1869 to Miss Sarah S. Stewart, of Donahue, Scott county, who was born in Rochester, New York. Her father, William Stewart, came to this country from England, and was one of the very early settlers of Scott county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have three children: William M., who is now in the employ of the Homestake Company, at Leeds, South Dakota; John J., who is with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; and George M., who is a student in the high school of Clinton.

Removing to Clinton in 1870, Mr. Dayton entered the train service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as brakeman prior to the days of air brakes, and was first connected with the Eastern Iowa division. In the summer of 1873 he was promoted to freight conductor, and ten years later entered the regular passenger service, though he had run extras before this time. His run is now on Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5, and the "Overland Limited" and the "Colorado Special." He has never been suspended for a single day, and it is safe to say that no man in the employ of the company has been more faithful to his duties or commands more universal respect than George B. Dayton. He has made his home in Clinton since 1870, with the exception of ten years spent at Belle Plaine, Iowa, when running a train in the freight service.

Politically Mr. Dayton always affiliates with the Republican party, and is a stanch advocate of its principles. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Veteran Union and the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic Order, together with the Eastern Star Chapter, to which his wife also belongs. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, who makes many friends, and is held in high regard by all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life.

EDWIN STANTON JONES.

Edwin S. Jones, of DeWitt, is carrying on an extensive business in the sale of farm implements, wind pumps, wagons, buggies, carriages, etc., and is to-day one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the village. A native of this county, he was

born on the old homestead farm in Welton township, March 13, 1862, and is a son of Isaac W. Jones, who is represented elsewhere in this work. He received a good practical education in the common schools, and early acquired an excellent knowledge of all kinds of farm work while assisting his father in the operation of the home place. After arriving at mature years he took charge of the farm and carried it on quite successfully for ten years.

On the 31st of March, 1886, Mr. Jones was married in DeWitt to Miss Alice K. Hixby, who was born, reared and educated in Pennsylvania, and was a young lady when she came west. For many years her father, Charles Hixby, was engaged in business in DeWitt, where he died February 2, 1897. Her mother is still living, and now resides with a daughter in Chicago. Our subject and his wife have three children: Nettie Erma, Ina May and Ada Alberta.

In 1897 Mr. Jones removed to DeWitt and succeeded his father-in-law, Mr. Hixby, in the coal and scale business, which he continued for two years. He then sold out and embarked in his present business, which from the beginning has steadily increased until he is now at the head of a well-established trade. He carries quite a large stock of farm implements, wind pumps, wagons, buggies and carriages, and has gained an enviable reputation for fair dealing and upright business methods. Since attaining his majority he has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but has never cared for political honors. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been initiated into the mysteries of that order in DeWitt Lodge, with which he still holds membership. While Mr. Jones,

as a prosperous business man, has given close attention to his private affairs, he has never forgotten or ignored that bond of common interest which should unite the people of every community, and he has always been ready to promote progress in every line.

MISS JESSIE BATHER.

Miss Jessie Bather is now proprietor of the J. R. Bather greenhouse on Camanche avenue, Clinton, and a good store on Second street, where are on sale a choice variety of cut flowers, potted plants and jardiniere. She was born in this city, and is a daughter of John R. Bather, who for many years was one of its leading business men. Her paternal grandparents were Thomas and Agnes (Killett) Bather, who came to this country from England in 1848, and settled in Albany, New York. The grandfather died at the age of fifty-five years, his wife at the age of sixty-eight. They had three children who reached years of maturity, namely: John R., Emma M. and Andrew, while the others died young.

John R. Bather, our subject's father, was a native of Manchester, England, where he grew to manhood and wedded Miss Mary Moody, who died on the voyage when coming to this country, at the age of twenty-two years. It was in 1848 that Mr. Bather crossed the Atlantic with his parents and located in Albany, New York, where both he and his father engaged in landscape gardening. In 1859 he came to Clinton, Iowa, where he was successfully engaged in the flower and nursery business with his brother Andrew. They built up a large trade and continued in business together thirty years, but in 1889 the partnership was dissolved and the property divided, John R. taking

the greenhouse, which he enlarged until he had eight thousand square feet under glass. He continued in successful business up to the time of his death, receiving orders for cut flowers from long distances. In 1871 he built a large brick house, which was his home until called to the world beyond in 1893, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Maria Sipperly and was a native of Troy, New York, died in 1896, at the age of fifty-four years.

This worthy couple were the parents of twelve children, namely: Frank, who assists our subject in business; Agnes, deceased wife of William Norman; Jessie, of this review; Mary, wife of N. Underwood; Fred, a resident of California; Walter, deceased; Ernest, a florist; Ruth, who is clerking in the store of her sister; Arthur, a florist; Roy, a machinist; Carrie; and Fannie, wife of F. Dogher.

On the death of her father Miss Jessie Bather succeeded to the business, and has since added to the greenhouses until she now has ten thousand square feet under glass, it being the largest greenhouse in this section of the state. She also has a fine office and sample rooms, and is prepared to furnish any kind of a made piece of the finest flowers for all occasions, such as funerals, weddings, parties, etc. She is artistic in taste, which is an essential qualification of one who is successfully engaged in her line of business, and is a woman of good business and executive ability.

CALVIN D. MAY.

Prominent among the business men of Clinton is Calvin D. May, who for fourteen years has been closely identified with the

history of the city as a representative of its financial interests. He is a man of discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success. He is the cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Clinton, and the conservative policy which he and the other officers and directors have inaugurated commends itself to the judgment of all, and has secured to the institution a patronage which makes the volume of business transacted over its counters of great importance and magnitude.

Mr. May was born in Belvidere, Illinois, March 26, 1859, a son of Ezra and Lovisa (May) May. On the paternal side the ancestry can be traced back to the year 1640, when John May, the founder of the family in America, left his home in Sussex, England, and crossed the Atlantic to the new world. He was commander of a vessel known as *The James*. On taking up his abode in this country he located in Roxbury, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston, where he spent his remaining days and died, his remains being interred in the Eustis street burying ground there. He passed away in 1670, at the advanced age of eighty years. His son John and his grandson John lie side by side with him in this cemetery. Lieutenant Nehemiah May was a son of John May, last named, and grandson of Captain John May, and was born June 28, 1701. He served in the early Indian wars, and died May 6, 1753. His son, Colonel Ezra May, who was born December 16, 1731, loyally aided the colonies in the struggle for independence, and died January 11, 1778. Dr. Calvin D. May was the next in the line of direct descent.

Ezra May, his son, and the father of the well-known bank cashier of Clinton, was



C. D. MAY.

born at Phillipsburg, Vermont, November 6, 1813, and in 1840 went to Michigan City, Indiana, whence he removed to Cherry Valley, Illinois, the same year. The following year he took up his residence in Belvidere, where he remained until his death, which occurred April 6, 1895. He was engaged in merchandising and milling for many years, and also became interested in banking, being president of the Second National Bank, while at the time of his death he was one of the directors of the First National Bank. He also made judicious investments in farm lands and other real estate, at the time of his death being the largest land owner in the county. His wife was a descendant of Dexter May, a brother of Colonel Ezra May. She was born October 17, 1819, and died September 19, 1862. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children: Mary and Polly, both deceased; Ella, the wife of A. R. Olney, of Clinton; Florence M., wife of B. W. Smith, of Jacksonville, Illinois; Clara, who married A. C. Greenslit, of Belvidere, Illinois; Ezra, who has passed away; Calvin; and Stephen D., a lawyer of Chicago.

In the place of his nativity Calvin D. May spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and after completing his preliminary education in the common schools entered the high school and was graduated in 1877. He began his business career as an employe in the First National Bank of Belvidere, where he remained for two years, after which he went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, spending one year in the high school there, at the expiration of which period he entered the University of Michigan, and was graduated from the literary department in 1884. Subsequently he read law with the firm of Peckham & Brown, and was graduated in the law department of the University of

Michigan, at Ann Arbor, with the class of 1886. The same year he was admitted to the bar in Washtenaw county, Michigan, and subsequently was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the same state.

In 1887 Mr. May came to Clinton, and when the Merchants National Bank was organized he was made assistant cashier, serving in that capacity until 1896, when he became cashier. He is interested in other financial and business affairs in Clinton; also at his old home in Belvidere, where his father had extensive realty holdings. has excellent business force, strong determination and enterprise, and is thus capable of successfully controlling his affairs and increasing his property.

Mr. May is a prominent Mason, belonging to Epulaton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Keystone Chapter, Holy Cross Commandery, K. T.; De Molay Consistory, S. P. R. S., and to the El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Cedar Rapids. He likewise belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, and is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which he has served as exalted ruler; and the Red Men. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and from 1892 until 1897 he served as a member of the city council from the Second ward, during which time many of the permanent improvements were made, most of the city paving laid, the fire-alarm system installed, Chaney and Lyons annexed, Clinton park improved, and the city hall built. He is prominent in political, business and social circles in Clinton, and his labors have promoted the general welfare of the community. His upright principles and trustworthiness have won him the confidence of all with whom business relations have brought

him in contact, while his general manner and unflinching courtesy have gained him many warm friends.

GEORGE A. KNIGHT.

George A. Knight, conductor on a fast freight running between Boone and Clinton, and a highly esteemed citizen of the latter place, was born on the 3d of June, 1865, in Whiteside county, Illinois, his parents being George H. and Catherine (Connolly) Knight. The father is a native of the same county and a son of William Knight, who has been a resident of Clinton, Iowa, since 1885, and is now eighty-four years of age. He brought to this place the first steam ferry run between Lyons and Fulton. By occupation he was a farmer. About 1866 the father of our subject entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and as an agent and trainman he remained in the service of the company for some years. He was subsequently engaged in the hotel business in Belle Plaine, Iowa, and now owns and operates a small farm near Boone. His wife died at that place in April, 1898, aged sixty-two years. They were the parents of six children, of whom one died in infancy. Those living are George A., the subject of this biography; Sarah, who is clerking in a dry goods store in Boone; Frank, a resident of that place, who was formerly in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; Thomas, who is now in the railway service in Montana and has traveled quite extensively; and Charles, who is now clerking in a grocery store in Boone, Iowa. The children were principally educated in Maquoketa, this state, while the father was agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at that place.

George A. Knight attended school until thirteen years of age, and then followed various occupations for some time. He spent four years with his father on a farm in Kansas, and at the age of eighteen accepted a position as brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. In October, 1885, he was promoted to conductor, his run being between Belle Plaine and Boone for some time, while he made his home in the latter place. Since the division was changed his run has been between Clinton and Boone, and he is now conductor on a fast freight. He has been very fortunate in that he has met with but one accident since he went upon the road.

On the 28th of November, 1894, Mr. Knight was married in Boone to Miss Nora Coffey, who was born in Ireland and came to this country when thirteen years of age. They now have four children, namely: Leonard, J. Harold, Catherine and Basil. The family removed to Clinton in April, 1901. Mr. Knight is a charter member of Link Lodge, No. 226, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, at Belle Plaine, and served as its master two years. There are only two of the charter members of that organization left.

GEORGE W. PARKER.

As a manufacturer of cornice and metal work, at the corner of Third and Washington streets, George W. Parker has been prominently identified with the industrial interests of Lyons for over forty years, and is accounted one of the business men of the city. He was born on the 25th of August, 1830, in Madison county, New York, and the following year was taken to Chautauqua county, that state, by his parents, William H. and Eliza (Bartholomew) Parker.

There the father was engaged in farming, but in later years he removed to the city of Dunkirk, where he spent the remainder of his life.

George W. Parker was reared in Fredonia, New York, and there learned his trade as a cornice and metal worker. Subsequently he was employed as a journeyman in Syracuse, New York, and Chicago, Illinois, and at the latter place was engaged in business on his own account for two years. In 1856 he came to Lyons, Iowa, and for a time was clerk on the steamer *Flora*, of Dubuque, running between St. Louis and St. Paul. Later he was on the Fulton City packet line until 1870, when he embarked in the manufacture of galvanized iron cornice. At this time his was the only plant of the kind in the county, which was the first established west of Chicago. Then all work was done by hand, but Mr. Parker has since equipped his place with the latest improved machinery for bending and molding all kinds of iron and tin roofing, cornice, etc. He has built up an excellent business and received some very large contracts, doing all the work in his line on the court-house at Clinton, the Masonic Temple, the Weston block and other large buildings. He receives orders from an extended territory, and employs from twelve to fourteen men.

In 1853 Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Miss Mary McKee, of Chicago, who died in 1893, leaving four children: Mary, at home; William, a draftsman, with his father; Charles, who also assists his father in business; and Nellie, wife of Charles Markle. Fraternally Mr. Parker is a prominent Mason, the thirty-third degree having been conferred upon him at St. Louis by Sir Albert Pike in 1884. There is only one other man in this county who has at-

tained that degree. Our subject is a member of the Blue Lodge, No. 93, the Holy Cross Commandery, No. 10, and De Molay Consistory, No. 1. A man of keen perception, of unbounded enterprise, his success in life is due entirely to his own efforts, and he is deserving of prominent mention among the leading and representative business men of the county.

WALLACE C. GUERNSEY.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review is one of the conductors on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, who has been in the employ of the company since 1884, and during all this time has made his home in Clinton, Iowa. He was born in Seely Creek, Chemung county, New York, August 8, 1862, a son of Alexander Wallace and Harriet J. (Crandall) Guernsey, both of whom were natives of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, the former born in the city of Tioga, the latter in Jackson township. Their ancestors were among the early settlers of the northern part of the Keystone state. During the Civil war the father enlisted in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and held the commissions of second and first lieutenant and quartermaster, serving in the latter capacity when discharged on account of physical disability in 1864. He served as special pension examiner at Addison, Syracuse and Bathe, New York, and in southern Illinois, and was also connected with the pension department at Washington, D. C., being in that service from 1885 until 1899. From his native county he removed to Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and later went to Philadelphia, where he was employed as a railroad conductor for a time. He next made his home in Elmira, New

York, and in March, 1869, came to Iowa, locating in Tama, Tama county, where he read law, and since his admission to the bar has been engaged in practice at that place. He has also taught school at different times, and has ever taken a commendable interest in educational affairs. During his residence in Tama he has served as mayor of the city, councilman and member of the school board, and is now acceptably filling the office of justice of the peace. In his family are only two children: W. C., of this sketch; and Clara May, wife F. A. Gadbury, cashier at the Chicago & Northwestern Railway freight house at Tama.

Being only six years old when the family removed to Tama, Iowa, W. C. Guernsey was educated in the public schools of that city, and there learned the tinner's trade, at which he worked for a few years. He next acted as clerk for his father, who was then paymaster for contractors in Michigan, and in 1883 entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as baggage-master at Tama, Iowa, which position he held for about a year, and was also stationary engineer for a time. In 1884 he commenced braking on the Eastern Iowa division of the same road, and was promoted to conductor in 1887. He is now in the freight service on that division, and during his entire railroad career has met with no serious accidents.

On the 10th of April, 1884, Mr. Guernsey married Miss Fannie R. Wilson, of Tama, Iowa, a daughter of Macdonald and Sydney (Leonard) Wilson, natives of Atlanta, Georgia, and Zanesville, Ohio, respectively. The mother was a little girl when she came to this state, and when a young man the father removed to Iowa, locating in Marion. They were the parents of five children, namely: Charles, a stone

cutter, now living in Texas; Fannie R., wife of our subject; Addie, wife of A. R. Smith, of Rock Falls, Illinois; Mollie M., wife of F. A. Chase, of Tama; and Edwin G., a foreman of the railroad yards for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at Tama. Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey have two children, Harold Wallace and Macdonald Wilson.

In 1884 Mr. Guernsey removed to Clinton, and during his residence here has made many warm friends. He has taken the thirtieth degree in Masonry, and is an honored member of Western Star Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors. He owns a pleasant home at 706 Stockholm street.

GEORGE STEPHENSON.

George Stephenson is one of the important factors in the business circles of DeWitt, and his life is an exemplification of the term "the dignity of labor." The possibilities that America offers to her citizens he has utilized, and though he came to this country in limited circumstances, he has steadily and perseveringly worked his way upward, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few.

A native of England, Mr. Stephenson was born in Lincolnshire, June 24, 1828, and is a son of Robert Stephenson, who spent his entire life in Yorkshire. The father was a good mechanic, being very handy with all kinds of tools, and throughout the greater part of his life followed the wheelwright's and ship carpenter's trades. Being only three months old when his mother died, our subject was reared by his grandparents and spent his early life upon a farm, having but little opportunity to attend

school. He was married in Hull, Yorkshire, England, March 31, 1851, to Miss Maria Cooper, who was also born in Lincolnshire.

In 1852 the young couple took passage on the T. R. Y., a sailing vessel, which left Liverpool, bound for New York, and was thirty-seven days in crossing the ocean. For a whole week the ship was driven before a storm and entirely dismantled, but at length succeeded in reaching New York harbor in safety after a long and dangerous voyage. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson at once proceeded west by way of Buffalo, Cleveland and Pittsburg, and down the Ohio river to Marietta, Ohio, where they first located. During that summer he was employed on public works, and in the winter fired an engine in a woolen factory at that place. He then embarked in the butcher business in a small way, and continued in that line of trade at Marietta for five years. By way of the Ohio river he then removed to West Columbia, Virginia, where he was also engaged in the meat business for nearly five years.

Coming west, in the spring of 1859, Mr. Stephenson located at DeWitt, Iowa, and opened a market on Jefferson street. After living in the rear of his shop for a year or two, he bought the residence where he now resides, it having just been completed, and this has been his home for thirty-nine years. He continued in the meat business here for five years, and in 1866 began buying and feeding stock for market, continuing in that business until 1895. Prior to leaving Virginia, he had purchased land in this county, and for some years owned a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres near DeWitt, which he has sold to his son. He still has, however, another farm near town and his home in the village. He was empty-handed on coming to the new world, but through his

own well directed efforts has steadily prospered and has acquired a comfortable competence and a good home.

On the 31st of March, 1901, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson celebrated their golden wedding, and they were the recipients of many beautiful gifts, bestowed upon them by their children and many friends who gathered on this joyous occasion to pay their respects to the old couple. They lost their first-born, Emma, who was born in Marietta, Ohio, and died in DeWitt, Iowa, at the age of seven years. Those of the family still living are: Mrs. Laura Eldred, a widow, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, who has two children, George and John; Nettie, who is the wife of Fred A. Hobbs, of the same place, and has three children, Laura, Edith and Fred; and George W., a farmer of DeWitt township, this county, who is married and has two children, Lyle and Aneta.

Politically Mr. Stephenson is a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, having affiliated with that great political organization since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864. Both he and his wife were reared in the Episcopal faith, and are held in the highest respect and esteem by all who know them.

ALEXANDER CRAMOND.

One of the most active, energetic and progressive business men of Lyons is the subject of this sketch, the present secretary and manager of the United States Steel Lock Manufacturing Company. He was born in Edinburg, Scotland, in 1850, and is a son of George W. Cramond, who for twelve years was editor of the Edin-

burg Daily Review, and assistant editor on the Daily Mail of Glasgow, becoming very popular as such. He died at the age of fifty-four years.

Alexander Cramond was reared and educated in his native land, devoting special attention to the study of literature. At the age of twenty-four he came to the United States, and was associated with a publishing house in New York City for a short time, but soon decided that a thorough mechanic was in greater demand than the literary man, and went to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he learned the art of tool making in all its various branches, as well as mechanical drawing. Subsequently he was made foreman of the works of the Yale Lock Company at Stamford, Connecticut, and later served as superintendent until 1896. Then in 1898 he came to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, as superintendent of the Warner Lock Company, which in December, 1898, was succeeded by the United States Steel Lock Company, and incorporated with David J. Patchelder as president; J. H. Peters, vice-president and treasurer; and Mr. Cramond as secretary and manager. The old plant has since been enlarged and remodeled, an iron foundry has been built and a new spacious office has been fitted up. To-day the company manufactures a high grade of all kinds of steel locks, knobs, sash fasteners, door pulls and door handles,; and furnish employment to one hundred and fifty hands, while five traveling salesmen are constantly upon the road. They ship their goods to all parts of the United States, and even to Spain and South Africa. Their main building is a handsome two-story brick structure, fifty by two hundred feet in dimensions.

Mr. Cramond married Miss Emma Vagg, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and to

them have been born five children, namely: George W., who is now paymaster in the factory with which his father is connected; Kate V., a graduate of the Lyons high school; Alexander T.; Jessie A.; and Harry V. Mr. Cramond is a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and the Puritan Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F., of Stamford, Connecticut. He is a man of good business and executive ability, is pleasant and genial in manner, and has made many warm friends during his residence in Lyons.

FRANCIS M. SPALDING.

Ranking seventh in point of service with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company is Francis M. Spalding, of Clinton, who has been in their employ since June, 1879. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Crawford county July 18, 1849, and is a son of Russell and Lucina (Thompson) Spalding, who were of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The father was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, in March, 1806, and throughout life followed farming. He cleared one hundred acres of timber land in Pennsylvania, where he followed his chosen occupation thirty-two years, and then removed to Indiana, where he died in January, 1886. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and was a quiet, unassuming man, who cared nothing for publicity. The mother of our subject died when about thirty years of age. In the family were six children, of whom one died in infancy. — died at the age of thirteen years. John, who was a railroad employe at Stoneboro, Pennsylvania, is also deceased; and Jasper S. died in Indiana

at the age of thirty. Those living are: William L., a carpenter residing in Kentland, Indiana; and Francis M., our subject. The sons grew to manhood upon the home farm and received good common school educations.

After leaving school, at the age of seventeen years, Francis M. Spalding worked for two years on his father's farm, and then followed various occupations until coming to Iowa in 1873. Locating at Ames, he worked at the mason's trade for some time, and assisted in the erection of many of the houses of that place. In the summer of 1879 he began railroading out of Ames, as brakeman on the old narrow gauge railroad, and after serving in that capacity for twenty-six months he was promoted to conductor, running his first train in March, 1881. He was in the freight service until 1885, when he was given a passenger run, and was on the Des Moines division from 1879 until 1888, with the exception of one year, when he ran from Boone to Belle Plaine. He has been on several divisions of the road and under seven different superintendents, and since July, 1898, has been conductor on trains Nos. 4, 5, 1 and 2. Although he has been in several wrecks at various points, he has never been seriously injured. After living in Ames for sixteen years he removed to Clinton in 1890, and in May of the following year purchased his present residence on Tenth avenue, which is in a very pleasant location.

Mr. Spalding was married in Indiana, in 1871, to Miss Ida M. Ross, a native of Independence, Iowa, and a daughter of George R. Ross, who was a blacksmith by trade and was engaged in the implement business for a time. His last days were spent in Ames, Iowa. Mrs. Spalding has

two sisters living in Clinton, namely: Mrs. P. H. Castle; and Miss Louise Ross, bookkeeper for Howes Brothers. Of the seven children born to our subject and his wife one son died in early childhood. The others are George R., bookkeeper for the Clinton Paper Company; Clarence A., a locomotive fireman residing in Clinton; Lora, wife of John Henle, a machinist in the railroad shops at Clinton; Mabel, at home; and Fred and Clifford, twins, who complete the family. They acquired their education in the public schools of Ames and Clinton, and Mabel is now taking a special course in music and elocution, for which she possesses considerable talent. Mr. Spalding takes a just pride in his family, who are well liked socially. He is a member of the blue lodge of the Masonic order at Ames, and has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1872, having taken five degrees in the latter fraternity. He was formerly a member of the Order of Railway Conductors at Ames. He is a man of many sterling traits of character and commands the respect and confidence of all who know him.

GEORGE H. STEELE.

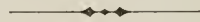
G. H. Steele, the well-known conductor on No. 15, the fast mail going west on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, was born in Ogle county, Illinois, on the 19th of January, 1861, but has spent almost his entire life in Clinton, Iowa, having removed to this place in 1865 with his parents, David S. and Jennie (Reilly) Steele. The father, who was a native of Canada, settled in Illinois in 1855, where he followed his trade, that of a carpenter. In 1865 he moved to this city and became associated with Curtis

Brothers & Company, proprietors of a sash and blind factory at Clinton. He was a member of the company for a number of years, when the partnership was dissolved. He was then employed in the car shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company for about eight years. He enlisted in 1865, but as the war ended soon afterward his company was never called into service. His death occurred in Clinton in 1886, and his wife, who was a native of New York, died at the same place in 1874. They were the parents of four children, namely: David, now a prominent resident of Concordia, Kansas, served through the war of the Rebellion, first as a drummer boy and later in the ranks. He has taken a very active part in public affairs and has represented his district in the Kansas legislature several terms. G. H., our subject, is the next of the family. Jennie is the wife of Charles Tuck, of Ashton, Illinois. John L. is a contractor and builder of Santa Maria, California.

Mr. Steele, of this review, acquired his education in the public schools of Clinton. He worked on a farm from the time he was fourteen years of age until 1881, when he entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as a brakeman, and was employed in that capacity until 1886, at which time he was promoted to conductor on the eastern division. He has been running an extra passenger train for the past two years, together with the west bound fast mail, and is considered one of the most trustworthy conductors on the road.

On the 24th of May, 1884, Mr. Steele led to the marriage altar Miss Hattie Stevens, a native of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Daniel Stevens, a lumberman, who on coming west located

in Wisconsin, where he made his home for some years, and lived in Clinton, Iowa, from 1882 to 1898, but is now a resident of Missouri. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, namely: George, Harold and Winifred. In his social relations Mr. Steele is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Order of Railway Conductors, and he is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. Mr. Steele built a fine home at 724 Stockton street in 1888, being the third to build in the block now nearly built up.



ALBERT EDRICK PEARCE.

This well-known conductor on the eastern Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, was born in Clinton on Christmas day, 1860, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county, his parents being Daniel H. and Hannah (Ferguson) Pearce, the former a native of Newport, Rhode Island, the latter of New York. The father came to Clinton county in 1838, passing through Chicago, which at that time contained not more than two dozen houses and these were on "stilts" owing to the swampy condition of the soil. On reaching Iowa they settled on the present site of the city of Clinton and continued to make this place their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The father built the old stone house on the north side of Elm street, between Second and Third streets, the brick part of this structure being erected in 1848, and the stone in 1855. In early life he followed farming and later devoted his attention principally to gardening. This worthy pioneer



DANIEL H. PEARCE.



ALBERT E. PEARCE.

and highly esteemed citizen of Clinton passed away January 5, 1878, at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife died March 3, 1890, at the age of sixty. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four are still living, namely: Ermina I., Wallace H., A. E. and Inez B., all residents of Clinton. Mrs. Pearce, as a child, went with her parents to Canada, where they died. She then lived with Mr. and Mrs. Hess, and came with them to Clinton county in pioneer days. She married Daniel H. Pearce June 11, 1846.

Mr. Pearce, whose name introduces this sketch, received his literary education in the public schools of Clinton, and after his father's death remained at home assisting his mother until he entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company in September, 1883, as brakeman on the Midland division, with which he was connected until 1886, when he was transferred to the Eastern Iowa division. In October, 1885, he was promoted to conductor, and has since served the company in that capacity both faithfully and well. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and is held in the highest regard not only by his fraternal brethren, but by all who know him.

THOMAS LEEDHAM.

To a student of human nature there is nothing of greater interest than to examine into the life of a self-made man and analyze the principles he has filed, the methods he has pursued, to know what means he has employed for advancement, enabling him to pass on the highway of life many who had a more advantageous start. Among the

early settlers of this county who through their own unaided efforts have met excellent success in life is Thomas Leedham, who is now living retired in Lyons, enjoying the competence which he has so truly earned.

A native of England, he was born near Brigg, Lincolnshire, July 21, 1828, and is a son of Thomas and Martha (Missens) Leedham. The father was born at the same place and died in 1838, aged forty-two years. The mother was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and for her second husband married Samuel Green. They came with our subject to Lyons, Iowa, in 1853, and here she died at the age of seventy years. By her first marriage she had seven children, namely: Rebecca, John, William, Elizabeth, Thomas, George and Mary Ann. George died young, but the others all reached man and womanhood. The children born of the second union were Henry, the oldest, elder of the Decorah diocese and resides in Dubuque; Clara and Frederick.

In 1839, at the age of eleven years, Mr. Leedham was bound out for three and one-half years to learn the butcher's trade in Lincoln, Lincolnshire. At the end of that time he went to work for his step-father—Mr. Green—on a farm in Buckinghamshire, where he remained until he went to London, where he secured a position at his trade and where he remained seven years. With the hope of bettering his financial condition he emigrated to America in 1853 and took up his residence in Lyons, Iowa. He at once turned his attention to his chosen calling, becoming the first butcher of the place. He rented a house and used his cellar for his market for some time. He began business in a small way and for three years spent two days a week in peddling

meat throughout the country, supplying all the settlers within a radius of ten miles. When he bought a steer he shot him on the prairie, there being no fences in this locality at that time, and then drew him to market. Mr. Leedham purchased two lots, and later sold one of these for cash, devoting the proceeds to the purchase of horse, wagon and fixtures.

In 1862 he disposed of his property here and returned to England on a visit. On again coming to this country he resumed the butcher business in Lyons, and erected the building now occupied by Baldwin Brothers as a hardware store. He was also extensively engaged in buying and shipping cattle to Chicago and other markets at the rate of five to seven carloads at a time for many years, and was one of the largest cattle dealers of the county. At this time the nearest railroad station was Marshalltown and all the cattle which he purchased around Des Moines, Iowa, were driven across the prairie to that point. In 1879 he visited his birthplace and again in 1896. Subsequently he conducted a market where his son George is now engaged in business, and continued to carry on the same until April, 1901, when he laid aside business cares and is now living a retired life in the enjoyment of the fruits of former toil.

Mr. Leedham was married in 1849 to Miss Ann, daughter of Thomas and Martha Welch, of Buckinghamshire, England. She was born in 1826, and died in 1896. The children born of this union were Julia Ann, wife of George O. Welch; Thomas George, a butcher of Lyons; Emily R., wife of Frank Pipping; Lillie, wife of Silas Jordan; Frank W., who is represented elsewhere in this work; Anna, wife of Thomas Price; and Victoria Leah, at home.

On coming to this country Mr. Leedham was without capital, but so well has he managed his business affairs that he is now the owner of considerable real estate, including a handsome residence in Lyons, which was once the property of Willis L. Parker. During his early life here he was forced to endure many hardships, and has driven cattle across the prairie when the thermometer was down twenty-eight degrees below zero, but he steadily overcame all the difficulties in the path to success and is now quite well-to-do. He is widely and favorably known and well merits the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He served as alderman of his ward for four years. Fraternally he holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and he is now seventy-three years of age.

In politics Mr. Leedham is independent and always casts his vote for the man whom he thinks the most capable for the position. He is a member of the Episcopal church and has for many years been a vestryman.

Mr. Leedham is a stockholder in the Lyons and Fulton and Lyons High Bridge. Besides his handsome Fourth street residence Mr. Leedham owns considerable city real estate and a sixty-seven-acre farm just outside the corporate limits of the city, which he rents.

THOMAS E. BULEN.

For sixteen years Mr. Bulen has been a resident of Clinton and throughout this period has enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has been associated. Long service in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Com-

pany indicates his fidelity and trustworthiness in business. He was born in Springport, Jackson county, Michigan, April 21, 1861, and is a son of William Bulen, whose birth occurred in England in 1819. In his native land the father learned the trade of a miller and baker, and in July, 1851, he came to America, taking up his residence in Ohio, whence he afterward removed to Michigan. He married Eleanor Goodwin, who died in Jackson, Michigan, in 1895. The father now makes his home in Clinton with his son Thomas, and is a well preserved old man. He followed his trade as a miller until his retirement from active life. He had nine children, three of whom were born in England, while six were natives of the new world. Three sons and two daughters are yet living, but four of the children died in childhood. Those who now survive are John W., a resident of Clinton; Mary A., wife of H. Markle, of Ogden, Utah; Hepzibah, wife of J. S. Smith, also of Ogden; James, who is living in Peoria, Illinois; and Thomas E. Although a native of England, America has no more loyal citizen than William Bulen, who devotedly loves this country and her institutions. At the time of the Civil war he sent his son John to the front as a member of the Twentieth Michigan Infantry. He enlisted when sixteen years of age and served throughout the war, and after his return engaged in railroading. In Michigan the father developed and improved a farm in the midst of the forest and did all he could to benefit and upbuild the community. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and in religious belief is a Baptist, while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church.

Thomas E. Bulen acquired his education in the common schools of Springport, Michigan, and when fourteen years of age

left home, going to Jackson, Michigan, where he served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. At the age of seventeen he was receiving a journeyman's pay. He was employed in the operation of a stationary engine and at general job work, remaining in Jackson until twenty-three years of age, going thence to Clinton, where he entered the railroad service as brakeman and after three months he was employed as a fireman, continuing to serve in that capacity until 1890, when he was promoted to engineer. He now runs between Clinton and Boone, and is one of the most trusted employes in the service on account of his carefulness, his fidelity and his industry. He has never met with any accidents or personal injuries and has the entire confidence of the higher officials of the road. During his long connection with this line of work he has seen many changes in railroad service.

Mr. Bulen was married in Jackson, Michigan, in 1882, to Miss Kitty Herr, who was born in that state and was of German descent. Her father was a stone cutter by trade and both he and his wife are now deceased. Mrs. Bulen pursued her education in the public schools of Jackson and is a most estimable lady. Her marriage has been blessed with three children: Irene, Lelia and William. Mr. Bulen is a member of Lincoln Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Clinton, and belongs to Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., while his wife is a member of the Grand International Auxiliary, the auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics Mr. Bulen is an earnest Republican. He has purchased a home in Clinton and being a man of domestic taste, he finds his greatest happiness with his family at his own fireside. From the age of fourteen years he has been dependent upon

his own resources and all that he has accomplished in life is due to his earnest efforts and business ability. He has many sterling characteristics, which in the years of his residence in Clinton, have won recognition in the warm friendship of many with whom he has come in contact.

PETER SHOLLENBERGER.

Peter Shollenberger, whose farm in Bloomfield township indicates the careful supervision of a progressive owner, is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred March 11, 1868. His father, Francis Sollenberger, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and wedded Mary Brobst, who was also born there. In 1870 they removed westward, locating in Bloomfield township, Clinton county, where the father purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres, upon which he resided for a number of years. His wife died upon the home farm, in the summer of 1884, and for his second wife he married Mrs. Christine Haynes, with whom he resided on the home farm until her death, and in 1893 the father removed to Maquoketa, Iowa, where he has since lived retired. In the fall of that year he wedded Mary Meinhart, a native of Switzerland. He purchased a good home in the town and is now enjoying the fruits of a well-spent, active and honorable life. The subject of this review was the third in order of birth in the father's family by his first marriage, the other children being: Daniel, who died at the age of one year; Sarah, who died in her first year; Ella, a resident of Maquoketa; Nora, who is living in that place; Mary, who died at the age of six months; and Anna, who is living in Maquoketa.

Our subject was only two years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa, and in the districts schools of Clinton county he pursued his education until fifteen years of age, after which he entered the high school at Maquoketa and was graduated with the class of 1887. To his father he then gave the benefit of his services until he was twenty-three years of age, when he leased half of the homestead farm, and, in partnership with his father, engaged in agricultural pursuits, until 1895, when he purchased the farm, which is pleasantly located on section seventeen, Bloomfield township. He also bought forty acres of section twenty, and has made extensive improvements upon the land. He buys, fattens and sells cattle and hogs for market, and is successfully carrying on general farming. His fields are well tilled and everything about the place is in excellent condition, owing to the industry, perseverance and close application to business of the owner. In connection with his sisters, Ella, Nora, and Anna, he owns land in Guthrie and Jackson counties, of Iowa, and in Kansas.

On the 16th of January, 1894, in Maquoketa, Mr. Shollenberger was united in marriage to Miss Florence Thomas, who was born in Truro, Cornwall, England, in 1869, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mathews) Thomas, both of whom were also natives of England, in which country they were married. In 1872 they crossed the Atlantic, landing in New York, whence they made their way westward to Iowa, taking up their abode in Maquoketa, where they are now living. They have five children: Lilly, who is the wife of Charles Olmsted, of Maquoketa, by whom she has four children; Rosie, who married N. Potter, of Maquoketa, and has four children; Florence May, the wife of our subject; Archibald and Burt,

who are living in Maquoketa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shollenberger have been born three children: Harry R., born in August, 1895; Francis J., born in April, 1897; and Peter, born in June, 1901. Mr. Shollenberger is a well-known and highly respected citizen of his community, and has been honored with the office of trustee of his township. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and socially is a prominent Mason, belonging to Monitor Lodge, No. 330, Free and Accepted Masons, of Delmar, Iowa; Bath Kol Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Maquoketa; and Tancred Commandery, also of that place. In his life is simplified the beneficent support of the fraternity, and at all times he enjoys the confidence and regard of those with whom he is associated.

SAMUEL W. BRYDEN.

Among the representative railroad men of Clinton is numbered S. W. Bryden, who is a conductor on the east Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. He is a native of Staffordshire, England, and was three years old when he came to the new world with his parents, the family locating at Kingston, Pennsylvania, where his father, William Bryden, entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company. He was one of the rescuing party at the Avondale disaster, and was connected with the company until 1876, when he entered the service of the Charles Hutchison Company, and was later with Paine & Company. He had also followed mining in England. Throughout life he continued to make his home in Kingston, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and there his death occurred in 1897. His wife, who

bore the maiden name of Margaret Good, died November 18, 1885. They were the parents of three children, namely: S. W., our subject; J. A., a contractor, of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania; and J. Y., deceased.

The early educational advantages of our subject were such as the public schools of Luzerne county afforded during his boyhood. At the age of eleven years he commenced work for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and continued in the employ of that company until 1875, after which he was in the employ of the Hutchison Coal Company for five years. He then went to Canada, but soon returned to Pennsylvania and accepted a position with the firm of Paine & Perrin, remaining with them until 1882, when he again entered the service of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company as a machinist, in their shops at Kingston. On leaving their employ, in 1884, Mr. Bryden went to Lansing, Michigan, where he worked in an agricultural implement factory for about seven months, and on the 8th of August, that year, came to Clinton, Iowa, where he was in the employ of the Clinton Lumber Company for a short time. In the fall of 1884 he went to Kansas City, and was with the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf (now Memphis) Railroad for a time. Returning to Clinton, Mr. Bryden entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as brakeman, and was promoted to conductor in June, 1890, in which capacity he is still serving the company. He has always been connected with the eastern Iowa division, excepting during the year 1892, when he was on the Iowa division. Straightforward and reliable in all things, he has always faithfully served the companies with which he has been connected, and has commanded the respect and confidence of both

his employers and business associates. Since 1893 he has been an honored member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and also affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

February 29, 1888, Mr. Bryden married Miss Sarah Hazelett, of Shickshinny, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of George and Anna (Lutz) Hazelett, both of whom were natives of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Bryden have two children, Anna and Walter, both of whom are now in school. George Hazelett, the father, was a farmer of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, was a soldier of the Civil war for about two years. He, with his wife, still lives on the old home farm, in Pennsylvania.

THOMAS W. LARGE.

The business interests of DeWitt are well represented in Mr. Large, who is not only successfully engaged in contracting and building, but also deals in lumber and all kinds of building material. He is a very wide-awake and energetic business man, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. He is one of Clinton county's native sons, his birth occurring on the old homestead farm, in DeWitt township, on the 7th of March, 1866. His parents were Thomas and Mary (Gorman) Large, early settlers of this county. The father was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1821, and there he was first married. On his emigration to the United States, in 1844, he located in Boston, Massachusetts, where he engaged in the boot and shoe business for a time, and in 1859 came to DeWitt, where he carried on the same pursuit. Later he purchased a farm near the village and turned his atten-

tion to agricultural pursuits. There he died, in December, 1888. His second wife, the mother of our subject, died August, 1899.

Thomas W. Large grew to manhood on the home farm, and obtained his primary education in the country schools of the neighborhood. Later he attended the DeWitt high school and Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He has always been handy with tools, and during his youth did considerable carpenter work on the home farm and in the neighborhood. Later he commenced contracting and building, and has since given the greater part of his attention to that enterprise. On his removal to DeWitt, in 1895, he bought a half interest with Mr. Small in the lumber business, which his partner attended to, while he devoted his time to contracting and building. Many of the fine residences of DeWitt and surrounding country show the architectural skill and handiwork of Mr. Large, and during the busy season he employs from ten to fifteen men. His brother, R. H. Large, who is a young man of good business ability, has been his partner in the lumber business for some years, and has charge of the general business of the firm of Large Brothers. They carry a complete line of lumber and building material, hardware, wire fencing, etc., and have built up a good trade, being among the most energetic and enterprising business men of the town.

On Christmas day, 1896, in DeWitt, was celebrated the marriage of Thomas W. Large and Miss Zela B. Thorne, also a native of this county, and a daughter of Lyman H. Thorne, who came to DeWitt from Ohio. Francis Waldo, the only child born of this union, died at the age of seven months.

In his political views Mr. Large is a staunch Republican, but has never cared for

official honors. He is a member of DeWitt Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is now senior warden, and is also a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of that place. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and while he is not connected with any religious organization, he attends church with her and gives to its support. He has built for himself a good modern residence in DeWitt, and here he and his wife take great delight in entertaining their many friends.

WILLIAM LEEDHAM.

Among the old and honored residents of Lyons, probably none stand higher in public esteem than William Leedham, who for twelve consecutive years has so ably filled the office of assessor. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, January 8, 1825, a son of Thomas and Martha (Missen) Leedham, and a grandson of Thomas Leedham, Sr., an extensive farmer and shepherd of that country. The father, who was a native of Elsham, Lincolnshire, and a man of naturally a strong constitution, died in 1838, at the age of forty-two years. The mother was born in Bundy, England, and after the death of her husband married Samuel Green, with whom she came to the United States, in 1853, and located in Lyons, Iowa. Here she died, when over seventy years of age. The children by her first marriage were: Rebecca, John, William, Elizabeth, Thomas, George and Mary; while those by the second union were: Harry, Clara and Frederick.

At the age of sixteen years, William Leedham left home and went to Lincoln, where he served a three years' apprenticeship to the butcher's trade, and later worked as

a journeyman for his preceptors. On leaving them he spent five years in Wooton, England, and at the end of that period came to America. Having an uncle living in Burlington, Iowa, he first stopped at that place, for a short time, but in June, 1852, came to Lyons, and was the first to embark in the butcher business at that place. After buying a beef he would shoot it on the prairie, cut it up, and, putting it into his wagon, would peddle it to the settlers. After being thus employed for three years, he opened a small shop in Lyons, but continued to peddle meat throughout the surrounding country for ten years, and found the business quite profitable. He would work at odd times at anything which he could find to do, and in this way secured a start in life. He was finally able to purchase an ox team, and commenced hauling wood. In payment for wood he once took a village lot of William Talbott, and also secured a small frame house by working for Professor Lake. This he moved on to his vacant lot, and took up his residence there, having previously lived in a log house on the river bank, which he had rented. In connection with the butcher business he dealt in live stock, which he shipped to Chicago, and continued to successfully engage in that business until rheumatism forced his retirement in 1887. He had prospered, and is to-day the owner of considerable property. On coming to Lyons he had only twenty-five cents in his pocket, but possessed a strong constitution and an ambitious spirit, which enabled him to overcome the difficulties in his path and reach the goal of success.

Before leaving England, Mr. Leedham was married in Hibaldstow, to Miss Mary Walters, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dunn) Walters, and to them were born the following children: (1) Mary

Ann, wife of W. H. Alban; (2) Thomas George, deceased; (3) Martha Jane, deceased; (4) Elizabeth, wife of E. H. Collins; (5) William, who married Belle Philbert; (6) John, who married Elizabeth Simmons; (7) Charles H., who married Elizabeth Schreiner; and two who died in infancy. The wife and mother departed this life in 1873, at the age of forty-two years.

For forty years Mr. Leedham has been an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has served as a trustee for several years. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and in 1889 he was elected assessor of Lyons, which office he has since so creditably and satisfactorily filled. There is not a set of books in the county which present so neat and splendid appearance as his, with not a blot upon them. His hand writing is plain and fine, in fact, is wonderful for one of his age.

SAMUEL C. BAUDER.

For many years Samuel C. Bauder was actively identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of this county but is now living a retired life in Low Moor. Accomplishment and progress ever imply labor, energy and diligence, and it was these qualities which enabled our subject to rise from the ranks of the many and stand among the successful few.

Mr. Bauder was born in Montgomery county, New York, May 25, 1834, a son of Louis and Matilda Jane (Craig) Bauder. His maternal grandfather was Samuel Craig, a native of Scotland, who on coming to America first settled in New Jersey, where he married a lady of that state, and later re-

moved to Montgomery county, New York. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Bauder, who was one of three brothers that came to this country from Germany or Holland, and settled in the Mohawk valley, becoming early settlers of Montgomery county. Louis Bauder was born on the same farm where our subject's birth occurred, and spent his entire life on the old homestead in Roop township. He was a successful and substantial farmer and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. His wife is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, and continues to reside on the old home place.

The subject of this review is the oldest of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are still living. He spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, his time being devoted to study in the common schools and to agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty years he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Mowers, who died two years later, and on October 8, 1856, he wedded Miss Mary Ellen Clute, a native of Glen township, Montgomery county, New York, born April 21, 1835, a daughter of John and Mary (Able) Clute. Her father by occupation was a farmer.

For five years Mr. Bauder was engaged in farming in Glen township, and in Roop township the same length of time. He made a trip to Iowa in 1853, passing through both Clinton and Scott counties, but did not determine to make his home here until 1865, when he removed to Clinton county, arriving here on the 24th of February, that year. Two days later he purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Eden township, to the further improvement and cultivation of which he at once turned his attention. Subsequently he bought a tract of seventy-



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five acres and another of one hundred and twenty acres, but he has since sold the former, but still has a valuable place of three hundred acres five miles southwest of Low Moor, which he operated about sixteen years. Renting the farm in 1881, he removed to Low Moor, and bought residence property, which he has since greatly improved. For nearly twenty years he was engaged in buying and shipping grain, and also dealt in agricultural implements, doing a successful business along these lines. Besides his farm in Eden township, he now owns four dwellings in Low Moor and thirty-four acres of land within the corporate limits of the town, and one thousand acres of good farming land in Lake county, South Dakota. As a business man, Mr. Bauder was enterprising, energetic and thoroughly reliable, and to these characteristics may be attributed his wonderful success, for he started out in life with very little capital save industry and a determination to succeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauder are the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Sidney, a farmer living near Hastings, Adams county, Nebraska; John C., a farmer of Harrison county, Iowa; Wesley J., a farmer of Low Moor; Mary Jane, wife of William Bower, a railroad engineer of Chadron, Nebraska; and May, wife of Friend Russell, a farmer of Folletts, Iowa, and one son who died in infancy. All are married and have families. One granddaughter, Mary A. Bauder, a daughter of Wesley J. by his first marriage, has made her home with our subject since infancy.

Politically Mr. Bauder is a Jeffersonian Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, but at local elections votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for

office. He has filled the offices of township trustee and justice of the peace, and was school treasurer in Eden township for eleven consecutive years as well as a member of the school board. His public duties have always been faithfully and capably discharged, and as a public-spirited man he was instrumental in getting the town of Low Moor incorporated. He was formerly a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken the Master's degrees in that order at Camanche in 1876.

W. W. KAUFFMAN.

One of the fine farms of Bloomfield township is the property of W. W. Kauffman, a wide-awake, progressive agriculturist, whose efforts have brought to him prosperity. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, August 6, 1854, his parents being George P. and Amanda (Keim) Kauffman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They were married at Reading, Berks county, that state. From there they removed to Stark county, Ohio, where they resided some years, and then moved to Wayne county, Ohio, where they resided on a farm of twenty-four acres, which is owned by Mr. Kauffman. They became the parents of ten children: J. F., who married Lucy Huffman, resides on a farm in Bloomfield township, and has one child; W. W. is the second of the family; J. B., who lives two and one-half miles west of Maquoketa, wedded Mary J. Krevelin, and has one child; Louis, a farmer near Burton City, Ohio, married Miss Pettitt, and has seven children; Daniel K. married Anna Bollinger, and resides on a farm in Bloomfield township, with his wife and five children; Samuel, of North

Lawrence, Ohio, wedded Miss Mary Bair, and has four children; Ellen is the wife of Melton Wilford, of Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, by whom she had five children, three living; Arvilla is the wife of Samuel Snyder, of Nimisila, Ohio, and has two children; James is married and resides in Massillon, Ohio; one child died in infancy.

Mr. Kauffman, of this review, pursued his preliminary education in the district schools of Wayne county, Ohio, continuing his studies until about twenty years of age, after which he worked at the carpenter's trade until 1881. On the 28th of December, of that year, he was married on the William Phillips farm, near Eldwood, Iowa, to Cornelia Phillips, who was born July 4, 1861, in Rockingham county, Virginia. Her parents, William and Hannah (Shaver) Phillips, were also natives of Virginia, and were there married, making their home in the Old Dominion until they came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1867. They settled on a farm of four hundred acres, to which they afterward added one hundred and sixty acres, and subsequently Mr. Phillips purchased another tract of two hundred and sixteen acres in Bloomfield township. He also owns three hundred and twenty acres at Lost Nation, and four hundred acres in Deep Creek township. He has since sold much of his property, but still has a good farm in Bloomfield township, where he makes his home. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and is a highly respected citizen. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were born seven children: Margaret, wife of John De Veir, of Texas, by whom she has seven children; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Guire, of Lost Nation, by whom she has one living child; Jennie, who married Augustus Dyer, of Maquoketa; John, a farmer of Bloomfield township, who married Jessie

Ogden, and has one child; Dewitt, who married Marella Goodnow, and, with his wife and two children resides in Bloomfield township; Cornelia, the wife of Mr. Kauffman; and one died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman also lost their youngest child in infancy. Their living children are: Leonard, who was born February 2, 1882, and follows farming at Golden, Colorado; Beulah E., born March 3, 1884; Milton Clyde, born November 5, 1887; and Jennie, born July 2, 1891.

After his marriage Mr. Kauffman removed to Lost Nation and leased a farm, upon which he resided for a year, when he removed to a farm in Bloomfield township, which was formerly owned by Mrs. Kauffman's father. To this they added by purchase eight acres. Later this was exchanged for an adjoining tract of fifty-six acres, where they resided one year. In 1891 Mr. Phillips deeded to Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section eighteen, Bloomfield township. He has placed his land in a very high state of cultivation, and now has one of the finest farms in Clinton county. His splendid residence, modern in all its equipments and appointments, is surrounded by a beautiful lawn, enclosed within an iron fence, and substantial barns, sheds and outbuildings furnish shelter for grain and stock. He makes a specialty of standard-bred trotting horses, and also draft horses. He buys and sells horses, and is one of the best judges of horses and cattle in Clinton county. The first horse which he ever purchased was from Thomas McCue, of Stark county, Ohio. This horse was a high-bred roadster that he afterwards sold at a good profit. He has since owned and sold thousands of horses. He raises thoroughbred short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs, and in his

stock-raising interests is meeting with gratifying success. He carries on his business on scientific principles, and is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of raising and caring for all kinds of stock.

Mr. Kauffman served as school director, but has refused other offices, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business interests. His word is as good as his bond, for he is a gentleman of unquestioned integrity. All who know him entertain for him high regard, and he has a wide acquaintance in the community. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and he attends the Union Reformed Church of Bloomfield township.

ELIAS SHOEMAKER.

For a third of a century this well-known engineer has been one of the trusted employes of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, and is one of the worthy citizens of Clinton. He was born in Hopewell, Ontario county, New York, April 20, 1844, a son of Nicholas and Rebecca (Thatcher) Shoemaker, both of whom were also natives of the Empire state. About 1817, the paternal grandfather, Jeremiah Shoemaker, in company with his brother Peter, removed from Ulster county, New York, to the western part of that state, and settled in Ontario county, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life, but the brother subsequently went to Canada and located on the west side of Long Point Bay, where he erected a house that stood for many years. The grandfather of our subject was a stone mason by trade, and was engaged in the construction of the Canandaigua jail. His death occurred at Hopewell. In his family were seven children, all of whom died in New York.

Nicholas Shoemaker, our subject's father, was only three years old when the family removed to Ontario county, New York, and his life was passed as a farmer at Hopewell. He married Rebecca Thatcher, who was born in that county, a daughter of Joseph and Annie (La Fevre) Thatcher, early settlers of western New York from Massachusetts. Her ancestors were originally from France, though the family was founded in this country at an early day. Nicholas Shoemaker died in 1866, at the age of fifty-two years, and his wife passed away five years later. They had a family of five children: Anna M., deceased wife of Ira G. Wild, of Los Angeles, California; Elias, our subject; Simeon, who died in childhood; Rhoda, deceased wife of Henry Hunt; Jethero, also deceased.

Reared in his native county, the subject of this review was educated in its public schools and the Canandaigua Academy. Noah T. Clarke was principal. In 1867 he was united in marriage with Miss Electa B. Cone, also a native of Ontario county, New York, and a daughter of James L. and Edna (Beach) Cone, who were among the early settlers of that locality. Her maternal grandfather was David Beach, one of the pioneers of the county. Mr. Cone died in 1900 at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker were born two children: Monta, who was foreman in the switch yard at Lyons, was killed there December 19, 1894, at the age of twenty-four years. He entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company as call boy, and in seven years arose to the position of foreman. Edna B. is now the wife of F. E. Miller, foreman of a switching crew in the Chicago & Northwestern yards at Clinton.

Immediately after his marriage Mr.

Shoemaker came west and was first engaged in the livery business at Clinton, having always been more or less interested in track horses, and although he sold out his business at the end of a year, he has since owned some very fine horses. In the fall of 1868 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as fireman, many of the old railroad employes having left the road to enter the service of the Union Pacific Railroad. In January, 1873, he was promoted to engineer, and the following summer went to Cedar Rapids, where he ran a switch engine. Prior to the extension of the division to Boone he worked on the eastern Iowa division from Clinton to Belle Plaine, and from 1882 to 1888 ran a freight train on the Midland division. Mr. Shoemaker was employed as extra passenger engineer for some time prior to 1890, and was then given a regular passenger run on the Midland division from Clinton to Anamosa, which he still holds. When he entered the service of the company many of the engines were wood burners, and the firemen on these received fifty dollars per month, but he was hired as fireman on a coal burner and was given fifty-five dollars per month. This was on the Meteor, a small engine with a fifteen-inch cylinder. In those early days he was often sent out as an extra wood fireman. He has been very fortunate since going on the road, having met with no serious accidents, and he has never had his engine run into another train. Fraternally he affiliates with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Knights of Pythias, and politically has always been identified with the Republican party since attaining his majority. Wherever known he is held in the highest regard and has a host of warm friends in Clinton, where he has so long made his home. His

wife died August 1, 1893. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, of which our subject is an attendant and supporter.

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HENRY PELHAM.

Henry Pelham, one of the most influential and popular citizens of Eden township, is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 20, where he owns a fine farm of three hundred and eighty acres pleasantly located within a mile and a half of Malone. He was born at the headwaters of the Delaware river in Middletown, Delaware county, New York, December 18, 1837, and is of English descent, his paternal great-grandfather, Henry Pelham, being a native of England. On coming to this country the latter settled on land which now forms a part of the city of New York. While protecting his rights and property during the Revolutionary war, he was killed by the British soldiers, who fired seven bullets into his body. The grandfather, Henry Pelham, married Margaret Gray, a descendant of the Pilgrim fathers, opened up a farm in Green county, New York, and there his family of eight children were left orphans by his death January 23, 1843.

Cyrenus Pelham, the father of our subject, was born in that county, under the shadow of the Catskills, in 1806, died February 2, 1890, aged eighty-three years, eight months and fifteen days, and was one of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, all of whom, with one exception, became heads of families and lived to be over eighty years of age, while some of the number reached the advanced age of ninety years. During his early life he saw the first steamboat on the Hudson



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river. He became a millwright by trade and followed that occupation in the east for some years. In Delaware county, New York, he married Miss Melinda Stratton, a native of that county. He came to Lyons and Clinton, Iowa, in 1855, the year in which Clinton was laid out. In 1857 he bought land in Eden township, Clinton county, Iowa, which he fenced, broke and improved, making his home here until called to his final rest in 1890, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife had died in 1875, at the age of sixty-five. Our subject now owns the old homestead.

Henry Pelham of this review was a young man of seventeen years when he came with his parents to this county in the spring of 1855, and he aided his father in carrying on the home farm until locating upon his present farm. At that time he owned only sixty acres, to which he added from time to time as he found opportunity until he now has three hundred and eighty acres, which constitutes one of the best and most desirable farms of its size in Eden township, being well improved and under a high state of cultivation.

In this county Mr. Pelham was married, October 19, 1873, to Mrs. Margaret Gibson, a native of Lincolnshire, England, and a daughter of Thomas Dawson, who on coming to America with his family first settled in Canada, and later came to Clinton county, Iowa. Mrs. Pelham first wedded Merritt Gibson, a farmer, who died in this county, leaving two children: Eva M., now the wife of John W. Dann, of Low Moor; and Nettie, wife of Thomas Clement, of Malone, Eden township. The children born to our subject and his wife are Cornelius H., who is married and follows farming in this county; and Jay W., Rolla E. and Bruce L., all at home.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Pelham has always supported the Republican party and its principles, and cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He has taken quite an active and prominent part in local politics, and has filled the offices of justice of the peace eight years and township clerk two years in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. He has also efficiently served as a member of the school board twenty-five years, and secretary of the same for some years, during which time two new school-houses have been erected. He attends the Baptist church, and is held in the highest esteem by neighbors and many friends. His good wife died July 17, 1901, at the age of fifty-two years and ten months, and was buried in Cherry Wood cemetery, near Malone. She was a kind wife and loving mother and had many friends.

JOSEPH WEIDMAN.

Faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose in life will do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances. The successful men of the day are they who have planned their own advancement and have accomplished it in spite of many obstacles, and with a certainty that could have been attained only through their own efforts. Such has been the career of Mr. Weidman, a leading representative of railroad service in Clinton, whose connection with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway has been almost continuous since 1872.

Mr. Weidman was born in DuPage county, Illinois, February 24, 1854, a son of Jonathan Weidman, who was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1809, and

was of German descent. He married Susan Stoyer, who was also a native of the same county and was of German lineage. Her birth occurred in the same year as her husband's. In 1852 they went to Illinois and there Mr. Weidman followed farming, but in later life removed to Warrenville, that state, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1882, his wife surviving until 1899. They were members of the Dunkard church and in their upright lives won the confidence and respect of all with whom they were associated. In their family were thirteen children, of whom three are now deceased, while the others are living and have families of their own. Two of the sons were in the Union army during the Civil war and one died in the service in 1865, but Curtis S. is now a resident of Wheaton, Illinois. One daughter resides in West Bend, Iowa, and with the exception of our subject is the only member of the family living in this state.

In the country schools of DuPage county, Joseph Weidman pursued his education, and through the summer seasons he worked on the home farm until 1872, when he began railroading. He assisted in planting the spring crops that year and then went to Escanaba, Michigan, entering the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company as a fireman. His brother, Charles H. Weidman, took the first engine to the iron regions on a scow from Green Bay to Escanaba, and was active in building the road in the iron fields. He is a pioneer railroad man, having been connected with the service from boyhood. For five years Mr. Weidman of this review was employed as fireman, running from Escanaba, and thence he removed to Iona, Michigan, being employed for a time as fireman on the Detroit, Lansing & Northern Road, after

which he was promoted to engineer. He was also employed as a brakeman on the same road until 1881, when he returned to Escanaba and entered the train service. In 1883 he came to Iowa, settling at Belle Plaine, and on Christmas day of that year he was promoted to the position of conductor. He has worked on three divisions in Iowa, was in the extra passenger service for eight years and is now in the freight service. He resided in Clinton until 1892 when he removed to Ames, Iowa, where he remained for five years, returning to Clinton in 1898. He was on fast mail No. 9 when first put into the service and is now in the regular time freight service, running between Clinton and Boone. He once lost a thumb in a railroad accident, but otherwise has escaped personal injury, largely owing to his watchfulness and care. He has a full realization of the responsibility of his position and the importance of the interests entrusted to him, and his skill and fidelity are most marked.

In Iona, Michigan, in 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Weidman and Miss Lena Wolf, who was born at Eagle River, Michigan, and was educated in the public schools of that state. They now have two children: Evva, who was born in 1882 and is now a student in the business college of Clinton; and Harry, born in 1891. Mr. Weidman had little opportunity to acquire an education, as he did not attend school after he was fifteen years of age, but he has made the most of his opportunities for advancement in knowledge and in business life and is now a well-informed man as well as a successful representative of industrial interests. There are only fifteen employes of the road who have been longer in the service than he. He is a member of Clinton Division, No. 33, O. R. C., and was for-

merly a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Belle Plaine. He has carried his investigation and researches far and wide into many fields of science and is authority on birds and minerals. He has one of the largest collections of mounted feathered specimens to be found in this part of the country, including game birds of all kinds and their eggs. He has six very rare and valuable specimens of albino, or white black-birds, together with meadow larks, crows and fox squirrels. He also has many rare specimens of young birds, showing them at different stages of growth, his cases altogether containing three hundred mounted birds. His wall cases of mounted birds are unsurpassed in any private collection in this part of the country. The cases were made according to order, the glass being obtained from Massachusetts. He also has a specimen case of minerals and Indian relics and weapons. His friends spend many a pleasant and profitable hour with him in viewing his collections, of which he has every reason to be proud, and few men outside of those who make the gathering of such collections a profession have broader knowledge along these lines than Joseph Weidman.

FRANK H. KETTENRING,

The subject of this sketch, is a well-known contractor and builder of DeWitt, of whose skill many noted examples are seen throughout this section of the state. He was born here, January 14, 1870, and has spent most of his life in DeWitt. His father, Frederick P. Kettenring, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1836, and being left an orphan when quite small, he was early thrown upon his own resources. When a

child he came west and was reared in Scott county, Iowa, where he learned the carpenters and joiner's trade, working at the same in Davenport for some time. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted as a private and was in the service until hostilities ceased, when he was honorably discharged as a brevet major. Returning to Davenport, he resumed work at his trade and continued to make his home in that city for a few years. While there he was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor H. Hender, who was born in Hull, England, and when about thirteen years of age came to America and settled in Scott county, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. In 1867 Mr. Kettenring came to DeWitt, and as a contractor and builder was prominently identified with the business interests of this place throughout the remainder of his life. He built the present high school and a great many public buildings and residences, and was considered the leading contractor of this part of the county. He was also engaged in the lumber business, and built and operated a planing mill, manufacturing all kinds of wood work. He carried on business quite successfully up to the time of his death, which occurred February 21, 1901. He encouraged various public enterprises, taking stock in the opera house and Electric Light Company, and was quite an extensive real estate owner. Politically he was an ardent Republican, and served one or more terms as a member of the town council, but never was an office-seeker or cared for political preferment. Fraternally he was a Master Mason, and was one of the active and prominent members of the Grand Army Post at DeWitt, in which he served as commander. He was also past grand in the Odd Fellows' Lodge, and past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias Lodge

of DeWitt, in which he held membership, and was quite popular in social as well as business circles.

Frank H. Kettenring, whose name introduces this review, is the oldest in a family of four sons, the others being: Fred M. and Walter R., both civil engineers, who are now living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Louis, who is at home with his mother and is attending the public schools of DeWitt.

Frank H. Kettenring grew to manhood in DeWitt and received his education in her schools, graduating from the high school in 1888. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and later spent one year in Chicago studying architecture. Subsequently he was engaged in contracting and building at Beatrice, Nebraska, for two years, and later followed the same occupation at Dixon, Illinois, for one year. In 1894 he returned to DeWitt and was engaged in business with his father throughout Clinton and adjoining counties. During the busy season he now employs from seven to fifteen skilled workmen and does an extensive business. He has taken some very large contracts, building a fifteen-thousand-dollar church in Mt. Vernon in 1900 and a large public building in Maquoketa, besides many fine residences in DeWitt and the surrounding country. Mr. Kettenring still operates the planing mill built by his father, and as a lumber dealer enjoys an excellent trade, carrying a large supply of lumber and building material. He is one of the most active and progressive young business men of DeWitt and is meeting with marked success.

At DeWitt Mr. Kettenring was married in 1893 to Miss Celia P. Graham, who was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, but was reared and educated in DeWitt. They have a very

pleasant home, which was erected by Mr. Kettenring. Like his father, he is a staunch Republican in politics, and cast his first presidential ballot for Benjamin Harrison, but has never taken any active part in political affairs aside from voting, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of DeWitt, in which he has filled all the chairs and is now past grand. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and occupy an enviable position socially.

ABRAHAM SMITH.

For almost half a century this gentleman was prominently identified with the affairs of Orange township, his home being on section 29, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valued and useful citizen. He was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 11th of August, 1837, and was a son of William Smith, a native of the same county, where he continued to make his home until after the birth of all his children. In 1851 he brought his family to Iowa and located in Orange township, Clinton county, where he and his sons all purchased land, making this their permanent home.

Our subject was fourteen years of age when he came with his father to this county, and during his minority he gave his father the benefit of his labors upon the farm. His education was obtained in the local schools. After arriving at mature years he worked for his father by the month for a few years. He was first married in 1861 to Miss Clementine Carr, and for some time they lived on the old home place, which he operated.



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About 1870 he bought the Purcell farm, which he improved, and meeting with success in its cultivation he was able to add to it until he had three hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land. He built a large and substantial residence, a good barn and other outbuildings, put up a wind pump, set out fruit and shade trees, and made many other improvements which added greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. Besides this farm, he owned an interest in the old homestead and other lands, being one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of his locality. He also engaged in stock raising with marked success.

Mr. Smith's first wife died June 3, 1874, leaving two sons: George B., a resident of Grand Mound; and Isaac Franklin, a farmer of Orange township. He was again married, in this county, September 23, 1875, his second union being with Miss Amanda Jordan, who was born in Canada, and was reared and educated in Adrian, Michigan. Her father, Josiah Jordan, was a native of Vermont, and there married Catherine Miller, who was born in Canada. For a few years after their marriage they resided in the Dominion, and then moved to Lenawee county, Michigan, where the father owned and operated a farm for some years. In 1866 he came to Iowa and bought a farm in Orange township, Clinton county, where he spent his last years, dying here on the 11th of August, 1878. His wife passed away in October, 1867. They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom reached manhood and womanhood, but only Mrs. Smith and four brothers are now living. She was a young lady when she came to this county, and prior to her marriage successfully engaged in teaching school. By his second

marriage our subject had three children: Lillian C., who is now a member of the junior class at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Altha F. and William D., both at home.

Mr. Smith died on the 29th of March, 1899, and was buried in the Smith cemetery, Orange township, where a substantial monument now marks his last resting place. He was a life-long Democrat, and a staunch supporter of his party and its principles. As one of the most public-spirited and enterprising men of his township, he took an influential part in public affairs, and was called upon to fill the offices of road supervisor and township trustee, the duties of which positions he most capably discharged. Since her husband's death Mrs. Smith has had charge of the farm and business affairs, and has displayed excellent ability in her management of the same. She is a most estimable woman, and has a host of warm friends throughout the county.

JABEZ TAYLOR.

Among the leading agriculturists of Bloomfield township is Jabez Taylor, who resides on section seven. He was born on the 17th of February, 1848, in Yorkshire, England, where his parents, Uriah and Martha (Wolshaw) Taylor, made their home throughout life, although the father once visited America. By occupation he was a woolen manufacturer. He died January 24, 1892, and his wife passed away July 16, 1877. They had a family of six children, namely: Henry is engaged in the jewelry business in Meltha, England; Hannah is the wife of Ernest Barnes, a farmer of Harrison county, Iowa; Jabez, our subject, is

the next in order of birth; Christina was a school teacher in early life and is now the wife of Robert W. Lockwood, of Dodge-worth, England; Thomas E. was married in Philadelphia, but afterward returned to England, and is now engaged in the jewelry business at Meltha; Charles is also married, and is a resident of Honley, England.

During his boyhood and youth Jabez Taylor pursued his studies in the schools of his native land, and remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he took passage on the steamship Brooklyn, which sailed from Liverpool to New York. During the last night on board there was a very severe storm. Mr. Taylor remained three days in New York City, and then came west by rail to Burlington, Iowa, then up the river to Sabula, and on foot to Spragueville, where he worked for Uncle John Hall-ode three years. At the end of that time he entered the train service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, with which he was connected a year and a half. He was next engaged in the manufacture of brick, having purchased a brick-yard at Delmar, which he conducted for two years, and the brick which he made is now in many of the school-houses of this section of the county, as well as in many store buildings and private residences. Mr. Taylor next turned his attention to farming, and while living in Delmar operated rented land for four years. In 1879 he removed to the place which he now occupies, but after residing there four years returned to Delmar, where he owned the city scales and engaged in the coal business for the same length of time. Since then he has resided upon his farm, which is a well-improved place of one hundred and twenty-five acres on section eighteen, Bloomfield township; in fact, is one of the best and most desirable farms of its size in the

township. The building he has erected thereon adds greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He gives considerable attention to stock raising, making a specialty of Poland-China and Chester White hogs and a high grade of short-horn and polled Angus cattle. He is one of the most energetic and successful farmers of the community.

At Delmar on the 10th of June, 1875, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Paulian C. Clark, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, April 10, 1848. Her ancestors came originally from Ireland, and on the paternal side she had uncles in the Revolutionary war. At an early day one of her uncles was a prominent lumber dealer on Clark street, Chicago, which street was named in his honor. Another uncle was a resident of New York and an importer of tea and coffee from China, and was also owner and commander of a vessel, and at the time of the breaking out of the Civil war was in China, and was compelled to sell out. Her father, Truman Clark, was born in Ticonderoga county, New York, and was there married, August 14, 1834, to Axie Potter, a native of New Salem, Vermont. He was a captain of a vessel on the Great Lakes until 1844, when he came to Iowa and settled near Maquoketa, Jackson county, where he entered a claim of one hundred and twenty-five acres, on which he lived until 1873, when he retired from active business life. He died March 20, 1889, his wife January 13, 1899, and both were buried in the Union cemetery. After her husband's death Mrs. Clark lived with our subject. In their family were five children, namely: Matilda married David Stockbarger, of Jackson county, and both are now deceased. Mariette died at the age of fourteen years. George, who served through

the Civil war as a member of Company I, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, married Helen Germond, now a resident of Delmar, and he died in 1895. Byron, who was in the one-hundred-day service as a member of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, married first Emma Reiburn, at Fairbury, Jefferson county, Nebraska, and since her death, which occurred in 1896, he has married Ella Dye. He was formerly a turnkey in the state penitentiary of Nebraska, but is now a grain dealer of Daykin, Jefferson county. Paulina is the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children, all born in Delmar: Dora B., March 9, 1876; Martha M., February 16, 1878; and Nellie M., April 14, 1879. On June 10, 1901, she was united in marriage with Peter Getz, a native of North Lawrence, Ohio, and is now engaged in farming in Bloomfield township. Dora was formerly a teacher in the public schools.

Mr. Taylor and his family are members of the Methodist church of Delmar, and he is a member of Monitor Lodge, No. 330, A. F. & A. M., being the first candidate initiated into that lodge. Politically he is a stanch Republican, but cares nothing for official honors, though he served as city marshal and street commissioner while a resident of Delmar. He is one of the leading and representative citizens of his community, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

THOMAS J. FOLEY.

Thomas J. Foley, who is now successfully engaged in business in Lyons as a dealer in coal, wood, cement, etc., was born in Dublin, Ireland, on the 27th of October, 1856. His father, James Foley, was a na-

tive of County Wexford, Ireland, and a son of Patrick Foley, who spent his entire life in that country. There the father married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Redmond. In 1848 he came to the United States to seek a home for himself and family, and spent some time in Alexandria, Virginia, working as a laborer. In 1859 he started west and eventually settled in Lyons, Iowa, where he made his home throughout the remainder of his life. He was variously employed, being able to do almost everything from masonry to farm work, and he won the respect and esteem of all. He was a very strong man, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty years, dying in 1893. His wife is still living in Lyons at the age of seventy-six years. The children born to them were Mary, wife of W. C. Hobein of Lyons; Patrick, Lizzie and Patrick (second), all deceased; and Thomas J., of this review.

In 1861 our subject came to the new world with his mother and sister, joining the father in Lyons. Here he attended school, and when his education was completed began his business career as an employe in the lumber mills, where he worked until he embarked in his present business as successor to John O'Neil. The business was established by that gentleman about 1850, and was carried on by him until his death in 1896, when Mr. Foley was appointed administrator of the estate, and after serving as such for two years he bought the property and business at the corner of Pearl and First streets. He deals in wood, hard, soft and smithing coal, cement, stucco, lime, hair, etc., and has by fair and honorable dealing built up an excellent trade. Besides his business property he owns a good home in the city. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Woodmen of the World and the Court of Honor.

Mr. Foley married Miss Annie, daughter of John and Bridget (Coughlin) O'Neil, and to them were born four children, namely: Mary J., J. Frank, Helen G. and Annie C., all living.

H. R. SYKES.

One of the leading railroad men of Clinton is the popular conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, December 23, 1854, the only son of Milo and Louisa (Bullene) Sykes. For her second husband the mother married A. T. Wheeler, a prominent lawyer of Clinton, who served as county attorney for four years, city attorney two years, and a member of the city council. He was known as the firemen's friends on account of his efforts in behalf of the firemen of the city, and was also known as the war horse in politics, being a staunch supporter of the Democracy. He was a native of New York state, and at an early day removed to Wisconsin, being engaged in the practice of law at Lake Geneva for a number of years. In 1861 he drove from there to Clinton, Iowa, in a wagon, accompanied by our subject, and was successfully engaged in practice here until a year prior to his death, when he was obliged to retire on account of failing health. He died in 1900, at the age of seventy-seven years, the result of an injury sustained by a fall. He was one of the leading criminal lawyers of the state, and was widely known as a political stump speaker. His wife, the mother of our subject, passed away in 1873.

Mr. Sykes received a good common school education, and after leaving school read law with Mr. Wheeler for about a year

and a half. At the age of fifteen he commenced work for the Joyce Lumber Company at Lyons, and remained in their employ for twelve years. In the meantime he was married, in 1876, to Miss Nellie M. Rich, of this county, and to them was born a daughter, Mary Louise, now the wife of W. F. Lee, of Clinton.

In the fall of 1883 Mr. Sykes entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as brakeman on the Eastern Iowa division, from Clinton to Belle Plaine, Iowa, and after serving in that capacity only ten months was promoted to conductor. For three years he has been running extra passenger trains, and has been on all the branches of that division, and on the run from Cedar Rapids to Chicago. In his railroad experience he has been very fortunate, having received only a slight injury on his fingers. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and is very popular among his business associates and many friends. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party.

JOSEPH WIESE.

This well-known resident of DeWitt is of German birth, and in his successful business career he has shown the characteristic thrift and enterprise of his race. Beginning with no capital except that acquired by his own industry, he became one of the most prosperous farmers of Washington township, and is now able to lay aside all business cares and enjoy a well-earned rest.

Mr. Wiese was born in Holstein, Germany, May 3, 1830, and there grew to manhood upon a farm. He was educated in both the German and Danish languages.

With the hope of bettering his financial condition he came to the new world in 1856 on a sailing vessel, which was seven weeks and five days in crossing the ocean from Hamburg to New York. During this time there was one very severe storm, in which the ship was driven back nearly one thousand miles and the main mast was carried away. Mr. Wiese first located in Davenport, Iowa, where he arrived in June, 1856, and while there he was united in marriage with Miss Lena Wiese, a German lady, who had come to this country on the same vessel with her husband.

For one year Mr. Wiese worked on a farm by the month, but on his removal to Clinton county, in 1857, he rented land in Washington township and operated the same with ox teams for seven years. He then purchased eighty acres of timber land in Center township, which he cleared and placed under cultivation. He erected thereon a little shanty, which was his home for five years. On the expiration of that period he sold the place and bought a partially improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township. Later he purchased an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixty acres, making two hundred and eighty acres in this farm, on which he built a good house, barn and other buildings. He also bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres adjoining the corporate limits of DeWitt, and here he has made his home since 1892. It is a well improved and valuable place, and its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates the progressive spirit of the owner. He has given considerable attention to raising and feeding cattle, horses and hogs, and is to-day one of the most substantial men of his community.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wiese were born nine children, of whom six are still living,

namely: Emma is the wife of Christ Johnson, of Nebraska, and has eight children; Mena is the wife of Ray Machier, who lives on the old homestead in Washington township, and they have five children; Caroline is the wife of Fred Palmer, of Eden township, and they have seven children; Henry, a farmer of DeWitt township, is married and has three children; Tessie is at home with her parents; and Clara is the wife of William Peal, of Grand Mound. Doris, the first born, married William Dorman, by whom she had four children, but only two are now living. She died when about forty years of age. William died at the age of seventeen years. One died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Wiese was formerly identified with the Democracy, but of late years has supported the Republican ticket. He and his wife were both reared in the Lutheran faith. For forty-five years he has now been a resident of Iowa and has witnessed almost its entire development. He has seen wolves, deer and wild game of all kinds, but these have all disappeared, and where once was wild prairie there are now beautiful homes and farms. In the work of improvement he has ever borne his part, and in the development of two fine farms he materially advanced the interests of the county. He is well known throughout his community for his sterling character and worth, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

THOMAS NEWMARCH.

After years of active labor, mostly devoted to agricultural pursuits, Thomas Newmarch has laid aside all business cares

and is now living retired in Low Moor. He arrived in this county on the 12th of September, 1854, and for many years owned and operated a well-improved farm in Camanche township, near Low Moor. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, April 12, 1818, and was reared in the village of Croxton. During his boyhood he attended school and worked on a farm, but his education has been mainly acquired since reaching man's estate. On the 16th of May, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Clark, who was born in the same shire, November 20, 1819. They have one daughter, Rachel M., who was born in England and is now the wife of Thomas Tate, of Low Moor, by whom she has five children, namely: Laura, now the wife of Emory Ileman, of Henry county, Missouri; Nettie, wife of Herbert Kelley, of Elvira, Iowa; Nellie, wife of Professor Aner, of Lucas county, Iowa; and Fida and Lizzie, both at home with their parents.

After his marriage Mr. Newmarch spent nine years in Croxton, England, working on a farm. On the 8th of May, 1852, he and his little family boarded a sailing vessel in the harbor of Hull and crossed the briny deep, arriving in New York on the 12th of May, which at that time was considered a speedy voyage. After spending a short time with his mother in Otsego county, New York, he started west, and by way of Rochester, Buffalo and Cleveland went to Marietta, Ohio, where he worked in a stone quarry. Later he was employed on railroad construction, being in that vicinity about two and one-half years.

In the fall of 1854 Mr. Newmarch came to Clinton county, Iowa, and found employment with John Pearsoll, an old settler of Camanche, in whose warehouse he worked during the most of the succeeding winter.

During the following season he was engaged in quarrying rock for the old watermill known as Hart's mill, at Camanche, and then turned his attention to farming, purchasing forty acres of wild land of Mr. Pearsoll, which he at once began to improve, first building a little house, which was subsequently carried away by a tornado. Fortunately his family was uninjured during that storm, for which he felt very thankful. Later Mr. Newmarch built a more substantial residence and good outbuildings. He set out fruit and shade trees and made many other improvements upon the place, which added to its value and beauty. He also bought an adjoining forty acres, and had a good farm of eighty acres, which he successfully operated until 1878, when he purchased a home in Low Moor and has since lived retired.

Since becoming a naturalized citizen Mr. Newmarch has been identified with the Republican party, and has supported every presidential nominee of that party since casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Low Moor, and were formerly connected with the Wesleyan Methodists in England. They receive and merit the high regard of the entire community in which they make their home.

WILLIAM F. LUCE.

Among the energetic and progressive business men of Clinton is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this biography. He has been a resident of this city since March, 1865, and is to-day one of its leading contractors and builders. He claims New York as his native state, his birth having occurred in Elmira, Septem-

ber 8, 1847. His parents were William and Julia Ann (Smith) Luce, the former a native of Jersey City, the latter of Pennsylvania. In 1854 they came to Iowa, and first located twelve miles this side of Anamosa, but two years later took up their residence in that city, where the father worked at the wagonmaker's trade throughout the remainder of his life. He died in March, 1875, at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife passed away in 1898, at the advanced age of ninety. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Mary Ann, James, Stephen, Israel, Caroline, Samuel, Elizabeth, Zelda, Sarah, Azelia, William F. and Joseph A. Three of the sons were soldiers of the Civil war.

William F. Luce was principally reared and educated in this state. The first year after coming to Lyons he devoted his time to farming, but since then he has devoted his time and energies to the carpenter's trade, and has erected many of the leading buildings of the city, both business houses and private residences, including the Shocraft, Craw, Smith and Oaks buildings. Fraternally he is a member of the Carpenters' Union and the Mystic Workers of the World.

Mr. Luce was married in Lyons to Miss Carrie Cook, a daughter of Alexander B. Cook, of Pennsylvania, and by this union were born six children, but three died in infancy. Those living are Percy A., a wood carver; Emma, a milliner; and Frank L., a student in the public schools.

NIS NISSEN.

Nis Nissen is a leading representative of the business interests of Clinton, being a member of the firm of Nissen & Jacobsen,

proprietors of the "Economy," a large department store at the corner of First avenue and Second street. Of excellent business ability and broad resources he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of Clinton and is a recognized leader in public affairs.

Mr. Nissen was born in Germany October 12, 1853, and was reared and educated in his native land. At the age of nineteen years he emigrated to America and first settled in Plano, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for some time, remaining in that state until coming to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1877. Here he was also employed on a farm for about six months, and then engaged in the saloon business until he embarked in his present enterprise. It was in 1886 that he formed a partnership with B. M. Jacobsen, and opened a dry goods and clothing store on the corner where they still carry on business. In 1891 they added a boot and shoe department, and in 1898 put in a stock of furniture, crockery, groceries and meats, so that they now handle everything except hardware and drugs. Their store occupies about a half block, being one hundred and twenty by one hundred feet in dimensions and two stories in height. This is occupied exclusively by them, the middle portion of the second floor being devoted to their furniture and carpet department. Their meat market is supplied by home stock and they do their own butchering. The firm enjoys an excellent trade, and employs about thirty-five clerks.

In 1881 Mr. Nissen married Miss Margaretta Hass, of Clinton, and to them have been born four children: Carl, who is now with his father in the store; and Freda, Alma and Louise, who are all in school. Socially Mr. Nissen is a member of the German Society, of Clinton, the Turners'

Verein and the Knights of Pythias. In his political views he is a stalwart Democrat, and takes a very active and prominent part in local politics and municipal affairs. For five years he efficiently served as alderman of the city. He has won success by his well-directed and energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

WILLIAM KOONS.

For many years prominently associated with the industrial interests of Clinton, William Koons, now deceased, long maintained honorable connection with the business affairs of the city and was held in high regard for his fidelity to duty in both public and private life. The history of such a man should serve as an example and incentive to the young and "fire modest worth to nobler ends." Self-educated and self-made, he owed his progress and advancement entirely to his own strength of character, his indefatigable energy and his strong determination.

Mr. Koons was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1820, and during his boyhood received but a meager education in the public schools of his native state, as it was necessary for him to earn his own living at an early age. He learned the carpenter's trade, and throughout his business career was connected with building interests. He remained in the east until 1845, and then removed from Lockport, New York, to Clinton, where he was first employed at carpenter work by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. Soon, however, he began contracting and building on his own account, and many of the substantial structures of the city stand as mon-

uments to his enterprise, skill and ability. Success attended his efforts and he acquired a handsome competence, which was the merited reward of his earnest and indefatigable labor.

In his early manhood Mr. Koons married Miss Ann Tomlinson, who died many years ago, leaving two children. George B., the elder, is now a resident of California. He is an engineer by trade and now occupies a position as foreman of the dry docks in the city which he makes his home. When eighteen years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a drummer boy with an Iowa regiment, and remained at the front until the cessation of hostilities. Sarah, a daughter of the first marriage, is the wife of P. Davis, of Clinton. After the death of his first wife Mr. Koons married Miss Phillippi Retallick, who was born in County Cornwall, England, in 1830, and came to this country when fifteen years of age with her parents, who located in Lockport, New York, in which state her father and mother spent their remaining days. Mrs. Koons was educated in England, and formed the acquaintance of her husband in Lockport, where their marriage was celebrated. They became the parents of three children: Nellie, who was graduated with the second class that ever completed the high school course in Clinton, and is now the wife of John Pringle, of Rochelle, Illinois; Charles W., who is mentioned elsewhere; and Frank, who is also living in Clinton.

Mr. Koons never took an active part in political affairs, but devoted his time and attention to his business interests, in which he met with gratifying success. He came to Clinton during the primitive period in its development, and was a prominent factor in its improvement and upbuilding, his labors proving of benefit to the city as well as



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contributing to his own prosperity. He was strictly just and honorable in all business dealings, and enjoyed the unqualified confidence of the public. As his financial resources increased he made judicious investments in real estate, and was the owner of considerable property, thus leaving his widow in very comfortable circumstances. He passed away in 1889, after forty-four years' residence in Clinton, and throughout the community his loss was deeply felt, for he was widely recognized as a man, citizen, friend, husband and father of sterling worth.

HERBERT A. BUFFINGTON.

Herbert A. Buffington, one of the leading railroad men of Clinton, is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Morrison, that state, on the 8th of November, 1859. His parents are Oliver and Mary M. (King) Buffington, both of whom are now sixty-five years of age. For some years the father was engaged in farming in Whiteside county, Illinois, and later made his home in Blainstown, Iowa, where he followed mercantile pursuits, and in 1893 went to Wayne, Nebraska, where he has since conducted a general store. He has had a very successful business career. By his ballot he always supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never taken any very active part in political affairs, though his sons gave considerable attention to politics at one time. His wife and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the family is well known in the community where they reside. The father is what the world terms a self-made man, his success in life being due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

In his family are four children: Herbert A., the subject of this sketch; Chester W., who was in the county treasurer's office at Chicago for five years, and is now bookkeeper for the People's Gas Light and Coke Company, of that city; Effie, who was graduated at the Chicago Conservatory of Music and is now teaching music in Wayne, Nebraska; and Lucy, who was graduated in elocution at Chicago, receiving the first prize, a gold medal, from the American Conservatory of Chicago.

During his boyhood Herbert A. Buffington attended the public schools of Blainstown, Iowa, and later taught four terms of school near that city in order to pay his way while attending an academy there. He also read law with an uncle at that place for a time. Leaving school at the age of eighteen, he was employed as bookkeeper by the Excelsior Stone Company, of Chicago, for three years, and then entered the service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Van Horn, Iowa, remaining in their employ until 1884.

Mr. Buffington was married at Belle Plaine, Iowa, in 1884, to Miss Jennie M. Woodward, who was educated at Belle Plaine. They have two children, Lucy M. and Fred O., aged respectively thirteen and eleven years. Both are now students in the Clinton public schools.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Buffington entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and for a year and a half had charge of the baggage and express on the first train south on the "pumpkin vine" route. For five months he went as brakeman on the road, but in 1886 was promoted to conductor, and was given a regular run on a time freight. Since 1900 he has been on the fast mail trains and extra passenger trains. He has been ex-

ceedingly fortunate in his railroad work and has met with no personal injury. His home has been in Clinton since 1896, and he is now a popular member of Clinton Division, No. 33, O. R. C., and is serving on its finance committee. He passed all the chairs in the Belle Plaine Division, No. 228, prior to coming to Clinton, and has filled all the offices in the Knights of Pythias lodge. He and his wife are also members of the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept, and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Clinton. Mr. Buffington is a self-educated man, having paid his own way through school, and his advancement in the business world has been secured by close application to the duties which have devolved upon him.

HENRY U. CUNNING.

The subject of this review, who is one of the representative railroad men of Clinton, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Brooklyn, this state, on the 14th of June, 1866. His father, Michael Cunning, was born in Ohio, in 1834, of Irish ancestry, and in the early '50s removed to Brooklyn, Iowa. Throughout his active business life he has followed contracting and building. He served three years in the Civil war as a member of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and was wounded at two different times during his service. In politics he is a Republican, and has been an active worker for his party's interests. He was married in Brooklyn, Iowa, to Miss Matilda Newkirk, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1842, of German ancestry, and was quite young when she came to this state with her parents. By occupation her father was a farmer and tavern-keeper.

Henry U. Cunning is the oldest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Eugene, now a caterer, living in New York City; Mary, wife of C. O. Young, who is general agent for the North of Ireland Insurance Company, and lives in Des Moines; Irene, also a resident of Des Moines; Charles, who lives in San Jose, California; Sadie, wife of Leonard Bryant, a farmer who lives near Montezuma, Poweshiek county, Iowa; Howard N., who as a member of the Fifty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry was in active service in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war, and is now foreman on a ranch near San Jose, California; and Jennie, who is at home with her parents.

During his boyhood our subject pursued his studies in the public schools of his native town, and on laying aside his text-books at the age of fourteen years commenced learning the tinsmith's trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of two years and a half. At the age of seventeen he began his railroad career as brakeman and switchman in the yards of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Brooklyn, remaining in the employ of the company only a short time, however. During the summers of 1884 and 1885 he worked with his father at the carpenter's trade, after which he was again with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad until November of the latter year, when he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as brakeman. In September, 1889, he was promoted to conductor, and has since served the company in that capacity. His run was between Belle Plaine and Boone until the division was changed, when he removed to Clinton in 1897, and has since run between that place and Boone. While braking he lost part of his right thumb, but has been

exceptionally fortunate during his railroad career and has met with no serious accidents. He owned a home at Belle Plaine, but sold the same on his removal to Clinton.

In January, 1888, Mr. Cuning was married in Belle Plaine to Miss Anna Starkwether, who was born in that place in 1868, her father, John Starkwether, being a hotel keeper there for many years. Both parents are now deceased. They had only two children, the younger being Frank, who is clerking in a store in Belle Plaine. Mr. and Mrs. Cuning have one son, Harold Robert, who was born in January, 1889, and is now attending the public schools of Clinton.

Mr. Cuning is one of the most popular members of Clinton Division, No. 33, O. R. C., in which he served as assistant chief in 1900, and in January, 1901, was elected chief of the division. He has previously belonged to the Belle Plaine Division, which he joined in 1891. His wife is a member of the ladies' auxiliary of that order, belonging to Nonpareil Lodge, and holds membership in the Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Cuning is identified with the Republican party. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in business and social circles, and as a public-spirited and enterprising man he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community in which he resides.

JOSIAH EDWARDS.

Josiah Edwards, the popular and efficient mail messenger at Clinton, Iowa, was born in Newbury, Berkshire, England, April 30, 1839, a son of Anthony and Jane (Marshall) Edwards, both of whom spent their entire lives in that county. The

mother died in October, 1869, aged sixty-five years, the father December 31, 1873, at about the same age. They reared a family of seven children, but only two are now living, namely: Anthony, a farmer of Chatham, Canada; and Josiah.

The subject of this sketch spent his early life at King's Head Hotel, Harrow-on-the-Hill, where the members of the royal family received their primary education, and he there became acquainted with different members of it. He received his education in the schools of his native land, and continued his residence there until 1871, when he crossed the broad Atlantic, landing in New York on the 15th of October. Five days later he reached Clinton, Iowa, and here he has since made his home, though he once returned to England on account of ill health and spent two months. He had been suffering from dyspepsia, which was practically cured during his stay there.

When Mr. Edwards first came to Clinton he worked as a farm laborer until 1873, and then went to Negaunee, Marquette county, Michigan, where he worked in the iron mines with his brother one summer. On his return to Clinton he was employed by the Clinton Iron Works as a teamster for five years, and then worked on a farm for a short time. In 1882 he was appointed assistant mail messenger under Charles Ott, and in 1885 secured the contract in his own name under Postmaster Tole. He has held it ever since with the exception of six months in 1888 when he was local mail agent. By an order issued May 1, 1890, he was redesignated as messenger at Clinton for the five railroads, and has held the position ever since, having been reappointed three different times, the last in May, 1900, with an increased payment of four hundred dollars a year. His duties have always been dis-

charged in a most faithful and conscientious manner, and he has the best record among the railway postal clerks of any messenger between Chicago and Council Bluffs. They say that on reaching Clinton they are always sure to find the mail ready for them. When Mr. Edwards was first made messenger there were only seven mail trains came to Clinton every twenty-four hours, but now there are thirty-eight. He has one sub-messenger. In connection with the duties of his position he is also engaged in the baggage transfer business, and in this employs two assistants and two other teams.

Mr. Edwards is what the world terms a self-made man, his success in life being due to his own unaided efforts. In 1890 he purchased his present pleasant residence at No. 224 Seventh avenue. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party. While a resident of England he was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, but at present is connected with no secret societies. In 1867, at Harrow-on-the-Hill, he was personally presented with a watch-chain by the Prince of Wales, now Edward VII of England, but he had the misfortune to lose it in Michigan in 1873. He also has a picture taken at Windsor, England, after a supper at which the Prince and Princess of Wales were present.

JOSEPH V. SNYDER.

Prominent among the progressive and up-to-date young farmers of Bloomfield township is the subject of this sketch, who was born in that township on the 24th of February, 1872. His father, Joseph Snyder, is a native of Prussia,

Germany, and was the only child born to John and Margaret (Port) Snyder. Margaret Snyder died in 1848, after having been married only three years, and in 1848 the grandfather of our subject was married, and by this union there were three children, namely: Lena, wife of M. M. Yegge, of DeWitt, Iowa; Kate, wife of John Gilles, who lives on a farm southwest of Grand Mound, in Olive township, this county; and Paulina, wife of Philip Frank, of Noel, Scott county.

In 1852 John Snyder brought his family to America, taking passage on a sailing vessel at Hull, England, and reaching the harbor of New York after a very stormy voyage of forty-seven days. He first located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained until 1854, and then came to Clinton county, Iowa, purchasing a farm southwest of Grand Mound, where he made his home for about thirty-five years. He died November 23, 1893, and was buried in the Berlin township cemetery. His widow died June 2, 1901, and is buried at DeWitt.

The father of our subject attended school in Muscatine, Iowa, for a short time, and later was a student in the district schools of Clinton county until thirteen years of age, after which he devoted his entire time and attention to the work of the home farm until he attained his majority. On the 26th of February, 1867, at DeWitt, Iowa, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Yegge, who was born in Sissln, Canton Argau, Switzerland, February 4, 1847, and also came to America in 1852 with her parents, J. Frederick and Frances Yegge, natives of the same country. They landed on the shores of this country in May of that year, and after spending nine months in Canton, Ohio, proceeded to Hillsdale, Michigan, where they made their home for five years. At the

end of that time they came to DeWitt, Clinton county, Iowa, where Mr. Yegge died December 7, 1876. His wife had passed away August 19, 1861, and both were laid to rest in the DeWitt cemetery. Unto them were born the following children: Vincent was married in Michigan to Frederica Holly, and in 1854 came to DeWitt, Iowa, where he died June 1, 1898, and where his widow still resides. John F. was also married in Michigan to Adelaide Garrowick, and now resides in Carroll, Iowa. Frances is the wife of A. Nonnenmacher, of DeWitt. Joseph was married in Lyons, Iowa, to Mary McCarn, and removed to Boone, Iowa. He served through the Civil war as a member of the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Company H, and died from disease contracted in the army. Andrew died in Atchison, Kansas, at the age of twenty-one years. Adelaide is the wife of A. Bloome, of DeWitt. Marvus M. wedded Magdalena Snyder and resides in DeWitt. He also served in the Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry, Company H, until the close of the war, and was wounded in the battle of Arkansas Post. He died June 23, 1901, at the age of sixty years. C. Martin served four years in the First Colorado Cavalry and was with Sherman on the march to the sea. He married Lydia Ann Stephens and lives in Alpina, South Dakota. John K. married Elizabeth Mulholland and makes his home in Boone, Iowa. Anna is the mother of our subject.

In 1867 Joseph Snyder, the father of our subject, removed to Bloomfield township and operated a rented farm until 1870, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 31 and 32, which he and his son now carry on. Our subject was educated in the district schools of Bloomfield township, and at the

age of thirteen also attended a boarding school at Springbrook, Iowa, for one term, and St. Ambrose College, at Davenport, for the same length of time. Since leaving school he has assisted in the operation of the home farm, and now practically has charge of the same. This farm is one of the best of its size in the township, and is improved with good and substantial buildings. Mr. Snyder raises a high grade of horses, cattle and hogs for market, and makes a scientific study of farming, being considered one of the most progressive, energetic and enterprising young agriculturists of his community. He has been an efficient member of the school board for three terms, and is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, with which his father also affiliates. Both are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Delmar, and our subject belongs to Camp No. 982, M. W. A., of that place. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

B. M. JACOBSEN.

A brilliant example of a self-made American citizen and a grand exemplification of the progress that an ambitious foreigner can make in this country of unbounded opportunities is shown in the case of B. M. Jacobsen, one of the leading German-American residents of Clinton. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering effort,—characteristics that he possesses in an eminent degree.

Mr. Jacobsen was born in Germany March 26, 1862, and in 1876 came to the United States with his parents, Boh and Magdalena (Tadsen) Jacobsen, who located in Clinton, Iowa, where they continued to

make their home throughout life. The father died in the spring of 1900, the mother six months later. They had a family of six children, namely: Jacob, a sailor, who was lost at sea; Volkert, who died in 1900; Christian, who died in Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1888; Maria, who died in Germany; Netha, wife of Robert Rasmussen, who lives near Clinton; and B. M.

Our subject was educated in the schools of his native land, never attending school after coming to this country. He first worked in a brick-yard and later in a saw-mill, and in 1877 accepted a position as clerk with Seaman Brothers & Company, with whom he remained six years. He was next in the employ of Towle & Spreter Company until 1886, when he formed his present business connection with Nis Nissen, as proprietors of the Economy, a department store at the corner of First avenue and Second street. They carry a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise and now employ thirty-five clerks. They are one of the most enterprising and progressive firms of the city, and occupy an enviable position in business circles.

In 1885 Mr. Jacobsen married Miss Lena Trager, of Clinton, and to them have been born five children: William, Alma, Alvina, Marvin and Bernice. Mr. Jacobsen is prominently identified with a number of fraternal organizations, including the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Brotherhood of Yoemen, and the Turners Verein. He is also a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Emulation Lodge, No. 255; Keystone Chapter, No. 32; De Molay Consistory, No. 1; El Kahir Temple; and Clinton Chapter, No. 65, O. E. S. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in both business and social circles,

and a public-spirited, enterprising man he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

MARTIN D. MADDEN.

For many years this gentleman was one of the most active and enterprising business men of Lyons, and also took a very prominent part in public affairs, but is now living retired in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, November 1, 1836, a son of Michael and Mary (Kane) Madden, who on their emigration to America from the Emerald Isle first located in Buffalo, New York, and later removed to Racine county, Wisconsin, where the father was quite extensively engaged in stock buying. He died at the age of seventy-six, his wife at the age of seventy-four years. They were the parents of nine children: Martin D., Bridget, John H., James, Thomas C., Malon K., Maria and Michael H., all of whom reached maturity, while one died in infancy.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of nine years when the family removed to Wisconsin, and there he grew to manhood. On completing his education he engaged in school teaching for a time, and later carried on the grocery business at Portage City, Wisconsin. Before leaving Wisconsin he married Elizabeth Kelley, a daughter of Hugh Kelley, of Columbia county, that state, and to them were born eleven children, as follows: Alma, now the wife of J. T. McLaughlin, of Chicago; Frances E., wife of L. M. McDonald, of Great Falls, Montana; Josephine; Clara; Lewis E., who married Jennie Maloney, and is now serv-

ing as deputy postmaster of Lyons; Frederick J., who has been engaged in mining in Alaska for the past four years; George, who died young; Charlie; William D., who is attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago; James A., a student at Ann Arbor; and Lucy, a clerk in the postoffice at Lyons.

It was in 1859 that Mr. Madden removed to Lyons, where he was employed as clerk by A. P. Derlin, then postmaster and editor of the Lyons Advocate, remaining with him until he entered the army at the opening of the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted as second lieutenant in Company A, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and had command of Company I part of the time, but on account of failing health he was obliged to resign his commission in 1862 and return home.

For a time Mr. Madden engaged in clerking in the grocery store of H. J. Wright and later embarked in the same line of business with his brother, Thomas C., as partner. Subsequently his brother, Malachi K., became a member of the firm. In 1887 our subject sold his interest in the business, and for two years was employed as a commercial traveler, after which he was engaged in the wholesale liquor business in Lyons, Mr. Ray being his partner for a few years. They also conducted a branch establishment on the east side of the river at Fulton, Illinois, and Mr. Madden continued in business for sixteen years. In 1895 he was appointed postmaster of Lyons, and capably filled that office for four years, when he was succeeded by the present postmaster. He purchased a block of ground of the Buell estate at the north end of Sixth street, and has erected thereon an elegant residence and good barn. There was a natural grove of oaks upon the place and he has set out other

shade and fruit trees, which enhance the beauty of the place. It is one of the finest locations of the city, being on an elevation with a beautiful view of the Mississippi river, the valley and the city.

Mr. Madden is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and has ably served his fellow citizens as trustee, alderman and school director, having held the first named office several years. In politics he supports the principles of the Democratic party. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church, and are quite prominent socially.

JAMES CAMPBELL.

Occupying an enviable position among the railroad men of Clinton is this well-known engineer on the eastern Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. He was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, on the 22d of December, 1847, a son of Patrick and Kate (Grennen) Campbell, the former a native of the Isle of Man, the latter of Ireland. The father, who was a millwright by trade, came to America when a young man, and after residing here for some years returned to the Isle of Man, where he died in 1847. He left his family in Illinois, and his wife died in Jo Daviess county, that state, about 1871. Of the nine children born to this worthy couple, four died in early childhood, and three since coming to this country. Those living are Kate, wife of D. Donahue, of Jo Daviess county, Illinois; and James, the subject of this sketch.

James Campbell acquired his education in the common schools of Illinois, and at the age of fourteen began to aid in supporting his mother, working as a farm hand for a

few years. He next entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad as messenger boy for the agent at Dundee, and later was check clerk in the freight department for three years. Subsequently he was employed as fireman on that road for six years, and in 1875 was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he remained with that corporation for one year.

In 1876 Mr. Campbell removed to Clinton, Iowa, and entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, running between that place and Chicago for some time. He has been in the passenger service since 1893, and is engineer on the Colorado special and the "overland limited" on the eastern Iowa division between Clinton and Boone, Iowa. He has never met with any accident since he entered the employ of the road, and is to-day one of its most trustworthy and faithful employees.

Mr. Campbell was married May 17, 1871, to Miss Mary Reardon, who was born in Galena, Illinois, in January, 1855, and they became the parents of three children, of whom Katie died at the age of eight years. Nellie is now the wife of John Davie, an employe of the telephone company at Clinton. James J. is a brakeman on a passenger train on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and lives with his parents. They attended the high school and also the business college of Clinton. Mr. Campbell purchased a home in this place about 1878, and has since sold and purchased other property at three different times.

Fraternally Mr. Campbell is a member of Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 45, K. P. In religious faith he is a Catholic. Few men on the road are better known or more highly respected than he, and he has a large circle

of friends and acquaintances in Clinton, where he has now made his home for a quarter of a century.

GEORGE W. SIMS.

For many years the subject of this sketch was one of the leading farmers of Bloomfield township, and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was born in Illinois August 6, 1835, and was the son of John and Catherine (Hover) Sims. The father, who was of Irish descent, removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1853, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home as he died in December of the same year, his remains being interred in the Center Church cemetery of Jackson county. His wife was born in Pennsylvania and died in Illinois.

During his boyhood and youth George Sims attended the public and high schools of his native state and continued his residence there until about 1849 or 1850, when he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bloomfield township, which property his widow still owns. Here he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1872, being laid to rest in the Union Center cemetery. In 1864 he enlisted in the Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea. His political support was always given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and he never withheld his aid from any enterprise which he believed calculated to advance the interests of his township.



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and county. He held the office of supervisor and other minor positions and did much to advance the welfare of the county.

On the 11th of November, 1853, Mr. Sims married Miss Nancy A. Bowman. Her parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Keister) Bowman, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. In 1849 they started with their family from Virginia, traveling by wagon to Parkersburg, West Virginia, and by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Bellevue, where they resumed their journey by wagon. They at length arrived at their destination in Jackson county, Iowa, after four weeks spent upon the road, two being passed upon the water. Mr. Bowman purchased three hundred acres of partially improved land, to which he subsequently added until he had six hundred acres, and upon it made many valuable and useful improvements. He was one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of his community, and was a man who commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life. He died in 1881, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, his wife in 1884, at the age of seventy-eight, and both were buried in the Union church cemetery of this county.

Mrs. Sims is one of a family of fourteen children, the others being as follows: George W., a resident of Maquoketa, Jackson county; Jacob K., a farmer of that county; Susan and Mary Frances, both deceased; one who died in infancy; Sarah, wife of F. Dean, of the state of Washington; Hannah L., wife of a Mr. Seiford, of the same state; John, Elizabeth and Cornelia, all deceased; William, a farmer of Adams county, Iowa; Benjamin F., of Jack-

son county; and Stephen H., a retired citizen of Maquoketa.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sims were born the following children: (1) Eureka A. is the widow of George Leonard, and a resident of Delmar. She has seven children. (2) Eugene lives in Jackson county, Iowa. (3) Elizabeth is the wife of William Sheldon, of the same county. (4) Georgia is the wife of Josiah Angus, of Jackson county. (5) Clara D. is the wife of Milton Hull, of Missouri. (6) Benjamin D. makes his home in Jackson county, this state. (7) Addie M. is the wife of Thaddeus Schlegle, of that county. Besides his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, a portion of which is in Jackson county, Mrs. Sims owns a house and two lots in Delmar, where she now makes her home. She is a most estimable lady and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom she is held in high regard.

WIGFRED TERKELSEN.

The subject of this review, who is now so efficiently serving as superintendent of the Springdale cemetery of Clinton and Lyons, Iowa, was born in Denmark December 25, 1856, and is a son of Hans and Caroline (Gademayer) Terkelsen. The father, who was a baker by trade, died in that country when about sixty years of age, and the mother subsequently came to America, where she passed away at the age of seventy-four years.

Wigfred Terkelsen was reared and educated in his native land, and there learned the carpenter's and millwright's trades, being employed in a sash manufactory for

some time. He was married in Denmark to Miss Annie Catherine Petersen, a daughter of Peter and Catherine Mary (Moritzdatter) Hansen, both of whom are now deceased, the former dying at the age of seventy-two, the latter at the age of eighty-eight years. Before leaving their native land two children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: Hans P., who was reared in this country, and served thirteen months in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company L, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, six months of this time being passed in Cuba. He held the rank of corporal and won distinctive honors during his military service. He married Lillian May Wade, and is now in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mary M. is now the wife of Thaddeus Batchelder, and they have one child, Althea W. Since coming to this country four children were added to the family, but the two oldest, both of whom bore the name of Carrie, are now deceased. Those living are Annie C. and Christina B., both attending school.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Terkelsen brought his family to the new world and settled in Clinton, Iowa, where he at first worked as a carpenter and sash manufacturer in the employ of others, and then engaged in contracting on his own account. In 1895, out of seventy-four applicants, he was the one chosen for superintendent of the cemetery, and the wisdom of the choice has been fully demonstrated by the capable manner in which he has performed his duties. This is a beautiful cemetery, consisting of eighty acres of rolling surface adorned by natural forest trees and laid out in walks and drives. The water system is the best, there being over six thousand feet of pipes, and the sewerage system is also very com-

plete. Over eleven hundred lots have already been sold, and there are fifteen acres adjoining for free burials. Many large and elegant monuments have been erected, besides six large private vaults belonging to W. J. Young, Major Bailey, C. Lamb, G. Haywood, George Smith and Francis Lee. There is also a receiving vault, built in 1887, with a capacity for twenty-four bodies, and a new one is soon to be made, together with a chapel. In the care of the cemetery Mr. Terkelsen often employs as high as twenty men, and its splendid appearance is due almost entirely to his careful supervision and untiring industry. He lives in a neat little cottage at the entrance of the grounds on Ravine road, which is surrounded by a beautiful lawn and lovely flowers.

In his political views Mr. Terkelsen is a staunch Republican, and served four years as chairman of the First ward, and in his social relations is a member of the Danish Society, the Woodmen of the World, and the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept, and the German Turner Society. In religious belief he and his wife are members of the Dane Lutheran church of Clinton.

WILLIAM L. CALLENDER.

Among the business men of Clinton whose success in life is due entirely to their own well-directed efforts is W. L. Callender, who was born in North Clinton on the 16th of August, 1859, and was a son of W. L. and Mary Woodbridge (Hollingsworth) Callender, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Hubbard, Trumbull county, of Scottish ancestry, the latter in Warren county, of Quaker descent. The Callender family was founded in the United States at an early

day. About 1856 the father of our subject removed to Fulton, Illinois, and after residing there for a short time came to Lyons, Iowa. He followed school teaching in early life, and later conducted a hotel at Lyons for many years. He had charge of serving the people meals on the day Clinton was made a city. He died in 1895, when seventy-four years of age, and his wife departed this life in 1898, at the same age. They were the parents of five children, namely: Horace served through the Civil war as a member of the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and later attended the military school at West Point. He served six years in the regular army, and was with Custer until a few days before the massacre in which that general was killed, when he was detailed for other work. He died in Clinton. Elliott belonged to an Illinois cavalry regiment during the Rebellion, and died in the army. E. H., who was a gunsmith of Clinton, died in 1880. W. L., our subject, is the next in order of birth. Effie is a milliner of California.

Mr. Callender, whose name introduces this review, passed his boyhood and youth in Lyons, and was educated in the high school of that place. In 1870 he began working with his brother at the gunsmith's trade. He is also a locksmith and safe expert, and in the latter line does all the work in this locality. His shop and store are now located at 131 Sixth avenue, and he is engaged in the manufacture of awnings, tents, etc., as well as repairing all kinds of electrical appliances and mechanical work of an intricate nature. He is considered the best in his line in Clinton, and does all the expert work for both the city and county. In his store he carries a well-selected stock of firearms, fishing tackle and sportsman's supplies, as well as a full line of raw material

for awnings and tents, which he makes to order. In 1880, when he began this business at the time of his brother's death, his capital consisted of but thirty dollars, but owing to his industry, good management and perseverance he has steadily prospered and has built up a large and profitable business, which is gradually increasing.

In 1882 Mr. Callender was united in marriage with Miss Jennie E. Rich, of Lyons, a daughter of George A. Rich, who is still living at that place. They have three children, namely: Charles Lee, Mamie and Hazel. The son is a graduate of the grammar schools of Clinton, and is now engaged in business with his father. He is well known as a trap shot and all around sportsman and fisherman. The daughters are still in school.

Mr. Callender has always taken considerable interest in sports of all kinds, and for some time was one of the best target shots in this section of the state. Socially he is an honored member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of the World, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Brotherhood and the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept. He is president of the Modern Brotherhood and past chancellor in the Knights of Pythias lodge of Clinton.

Politically Mr. Callender has always affiliated with the Republican party, and has taken quite an active and influential part in local politics, serving as ward chairman for several years. He attends most of the county conventions of his party as a delegate, and has represented the Second ward of Clinton in the state conventions. He is now serving as alderman from his ward, which comprises the principal business and wealth of the city. He is emphatically a man of enterprise, posi-

tive character, indomitable energy, strict integrity and liberal views, and is thoroughly identified in feeling with the growth and prosperity of his city and county.

JOHN F. RYAN.

Classed among the leading business men of Clinton is this well-known harness manufacturer and dealer in wagons, carriages, etc., who has spent almost his entire life in this city, though his birth occurred in Chicago, Illinois, on the 8th of September, 1856. In 1860, however, his parents, James and Ellen (O'Connell) Ryan, brought their family to Clinton, where the father worked for two years for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, and then engaged in farming five miles west of the city until his death, which occurred in 1870, when he was fifty years of age. The mother died in 1900, at the age of seventy-two years. Of the seven children born to them, five are still living, namely: John F., Mary, Margaret, Nellie and Catherine.

John F. Ryan was practically reared in Clinton, and after arriving at man's estate he entered into the boot and shoe business with M. O'Connell, but later disposed of his interest in that enterprise and embarked in the grocery business with M. J. White as a partner. Subsequently he engaged in the same business with William Devine for some years, and on selling his grocery store he was interested in the real-estate business from 1892 to 1895, during which time he built several houses. In the latter year he bought the harness business of J. H. Smith, and in 1897 added to his stock a line of carriages and wagons, making a specialty of traps and fine turnouts, of which he has the

largest and best assortment in the city, besides a general line of wagons. In his business he utilizes two floors, and in the manufacture of harness employs only skilled workmen. In 1901 he opened a branch store in Delmar, Iowa, where he carries farm implements, as well as harness and wagons of all grades. He is a very energetic and progressive business man, and his success is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

In 1893 Mr. Ryan wedded Miss Mary, daughter of Dennis Murphy, of DeWitt, Iowa, and to them have been born two children: James A. and Margaret Ellen. Mr. Ryan purchased the old McCormick property at 338 Eighth avenue, which he has remodeled and converted into a very pleasant home. Socially he affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Brotherhood of America, the National Union and the Court of Honor.

THOMAS D. GAMBLE, M. D.

Engaged in the practice of medicine and at the same time occupying the most important position within the gift of his fellow townsmen, Dr. Gamble, mayor of Wheatland, is now prominently associated with professional interests and public affairs. He is one of the early settlers of Clinton county and a most highly respected citizen. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware, December 18, 1829, and when only five years of age left the place of his nativity, being taken to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, by his parents, James and Jane (Donahey) Gamble. His parents were both natives of Ireland, and soon after their marriage came to the United States, locating at Wilmington, Delaware. The father was a surveyor and followed that

business during the greater part of his active business life. He died in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, when about seventy-four years of age, and his wife's death there occurred when she was seventy-six years of age. She was the mother of ten children, but only three are now living.

Dr. Gamble, of this review, is the youngest. He acquired his literary education in the schools of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, where he remained until twenty-five years of age, and for a time was engaged in the printing business. He then went to LeClair, Scott county, Iowa, where he studied medicine with his brother, James Gamble, a prominent physician, who is now living a retired life at the ripe old age of eighty years. For three years our subject continued his reading under the direction of his brother, after which he entered the St. Louis Medical College, where he remained for two years, being graduated in that institution in the spring of 1858.

Locating at Sabula, Iowa, Dr. Gamble there began the practice of his chosen profession, but in the fall of the same year he removed to Wheatland, where he has since continued his professional work with excellent success, his labors bringing to him a good income. He is a member of the Clinton County, the State and the United States Medical Associations, and has kept in touch with the most advanced thought and research of the profession. He was for one year president of the first named organization. He has always engaged in general practice, and is the loved family physician in many households in Wheatland and the surrounding country, where his skill and ability have effected many cures. For the past few years, on account of his age, the Doctor has not sought active practice.

During his long residence in Wheatland

Dr. Gamble has taken an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the village, and his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability, have frequently honored him with public office. He has been mayor of the town for a number of years, and about twenty years ago filled the same position for a number of terms. Loyal to the best interests of Wheatland, he has labored untiringly, effectively and enthusiastically for the promotion of its best interests, for its advancement and progress, and his efforts have been attended with excellent results. He has been treasurer of the school board for a number of years, and for several terms served in the city council. In his political views he is a Democrat, firm in his allegiance to the principles of the party.

Dr. Gamble was married in 1867 to Miss Amelia Sophia Carter, a daughter of Joseph B. and Frances Carter, both of whom are now deceased. Her father resided at Sharon, Clinton county, and was a prominent farmer. Mrs. Gamble died at their home in Wheatland in 1890. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and a devout and earnest Christian woman, taking an active part in church work. By her marriage she had six children, four of whom are yet living: Frances Jane is the wife of H. C. Ficke, a dealer in agricultural implements in Wheatland, by whom she has three children, Thomas D., Amelia A. and a baby; James A., who was educated in Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and in the State University of Iowa, at Iowa City, has been engaged in the drug business in Wheatland for about eight years in connection with his father; Mary Effie is at home; Joseph B. is attending school; Lydia R. died at the age of three years; and Harry Carter died at the age of five years. They were the youngest members of the family.

Socially the Doctor is connected with the Iowa Workmen and the Masonic lodge of Wheatland, and is an attendant of the Presbyterian church, in which he has held the office of trustee for a number of years, being one of the incumbents in the position at the present time. He is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community along religious, intellectual and social lines, and no man in Wheatland has been more loyal to its interests or labored more untiringly for its progress and improvement.

JOHN KILLEAN.

The subject of this sketch, who is now engineer on the "overland limited" on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway between Clinton and Boone, Iowa, has been a resident of Clinton since 1876, and owns a good home in that city, purchased at that time. He was born in Dunkirk, New York, on the 9th of July, 1852, a son of James and Nancy (Dunbar) Killean. The father was born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1816, and came to this country when eighteen years of age. After living in the east for many years he came to Clinton and made his home with our subject, where he died in 1896. He was never ill a day in his life and never wore glasses. In early life he followed the occupation of farming, and, meeting with well-deserved success, he was able to live retired for a number of years prior to his death. The mother of our subject died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when John was only eight years old. For a time the family lived near Fairfax, Linn county, this state, where the father improved a farm. There were six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: James, who served in the Army of

the Potomac under General McClellan during the Civil war, was yardmaster for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at Clinton before the bridge was built across the Mississippi at this place, and remained in the service of the company until his death, which occurred in 1870, while he was serving as conductor. Dennis, who was a farmer, died in 1867. John, our subject, was the youngest son. Kate is the widow of Joseph Lane, formerly a passenger conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and now makes her home with our subject. Anna died in New York City in 1864, unmarried. Mary died at the home of our subject in Clinton. The children were all born and reared in New York, while their education was obtained in its common schools. All came to Iowa and made their home with their parents in Linn county until grown.

John Killean attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids for a time, and remained under the parental roof until he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company in 1868, at the age of sixteen years, first firing the steam shovel between Carroll and Glidden for a short time. The same year, however, he went as fireman upon the road, and in 1872 was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he ran a freight from Clinton to Belle Plaine for about ten years. He then resigned his position and was in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad for three months, but in 1883 returned to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, with which he has since been connected. He had charge of a fast freight until the 1st of March, 1901, when he was made engineer of the "overland limited" from Clinton to Boone, and is now acceptably filling that position. He has met with no accidents, and has always drawn his

salary when the pay car came round, having never been laid off for any cause.

On the 9th of April, 1877, Mr. Killean married Miss Sarah E. Davy, who was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, July 7, 1852, but was then living in Clinton, Iowa. Her father, Patrick Davy, is now a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and her mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Killean have three sons: Henry F., a machinist, who has been employed in the railroad shops at Clinton since 1897; John, chief clerk in Mr. Blach's office at that place; and James, who is still attending school. They were all born in Clinton and educated in its public schools. Since his graduation Henry F. has become a draughtsman, making a specialty of air brakes, and is a very accomplished young man. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, and Mr. Killean is also a member of Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., in which he has held office at various times. He is self-educated as well as a self-made man, and has become well informed by reading good literature. He is well and favorably known, and has many warm friends in the city where he has so long made his home.

ADDISON BARKER.

Addison Barker, deceased, was one of the honored and highly respected citizens of Cananche township, and was for many years prominently identified with its agricultural interests. He was born in Greene county, New York, on the 26th of January, 1825, and was a son of Thomas Barker, who was a native of the Empire state. By occupation the father was a dry goods merchant.

The subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth in a family of six children. His early boyhood was spent under the paternal roof and he was educated in the common schools of his native county, but after his father's death, when eighteen years of age, he went to live with an aunt, remaining with her until his marriage, which was celebrated in 1850, Miss Christina Kilmer becoming his wife. She was also a native of New York, of which state her parents, Jonas and Nancy (Miller) Kilmer, were life-long residents. The father died at the advanced age of ninety years. He made farming his life occupation. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Barker were born five children, namely: Edith; Colonel, deceased; Kilmer; Florence; and Wendell.

Mr. Barker came to Clinton county, Iowa, at an early day and laid claim to one hundred and sixty acres of school-land in Cananche township, which he purchased when it came into market. By trade he was a broom-maker, and followed that occupation in connection with farming. At different times he bought and sold land, having at the time of his death one hundred and sixty acres, which were well improved and highly cultivated. As one of the most popular and influential citizens of his township, he was called upon to fill several local offices of honor and trust, including those of justice of the peace and school director, in which he served for a number of years. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. He was a deacon of the Baptist church, of which he was an active member for many years, and died in that faith on the 4th of September, 1896. He was a sincere and earnest Christian, and commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or social life. His fam-

ily are also members of the Baptist church and are people of prominence in the community where they reside.

ISAAC W. JONES.

The deserved reward of a well-spent life is an honored retirement from business, in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil. To-day after a useful and beneficial career, Isaac W. Jones is quietly living at his pleasant home in DeWitt, surrounded by the comfort that earnest labor has brought him. In early life he engaged in carpentering and later followed farming with marked success.

Mr. Jones was born in Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio, September 4, 1818, and is a son of Jonathan Jones, a native of Brownville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. His parental grandfather, Jonathan Jones, Sr., was of Welsh descent and an early settler of Philadelphia, where as a carpenter he assisted in putting on the first shingle roof in that city. At that time there were about three hundred houses in the town but all were covered with clapboards. From Philadelphia Mr. Jones removed to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and later to Jefferson county, Ohio, being one of the first white men to locate there. In the midst of the wilderness he cleared and improved a farm.

The father of our subject grew to manhood in Jefferson county, Ohio, and in that state married Miss Hannah Flaugh, who was born and reared in Uniontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and went to Ohio with a sister. For some years Jonathan Jones, Jr., followed the stone and brick mason's trade, but later settled on a farm near Freeport, Harrison county, Ohio, and turned his attention to agricultural pur-

suits. About 1855 he came to Iowa and joined his son in Clinton county, where he spent the remainder of his life. His first wife, who was the mother of our subject, died in this county, and he subsequently returned to Ohio, where he was again married. He continued to make his home here, however, until his death, but while on a visit, died in Cassville, Ohio.

Isaac W. Jones passed his boyhood and youth in Jefferson and Harrison counties, Ohio, where he attended the common schools and also learned the cabinet maker's trade, at which he worked about eighteen years. Later he followed the carpenter's and joiner's trade for some years. He was married near Cassville, Harrison county, December 10, 1840, to Miss Hannah Knight, who was born near Cassville, that county, where her father, John Knight, located in 1806, being one of the first settlers of the county.

Coming west in 1853, Mr. Jones took up his residence in Davenport, Iowa, on the 10th of May, that year, where there he worked at both the cabinet maker's and carpenter's trades. The following year he came to DeWitt, Clinton county, and as a carpenter aided in building the old court house, doing all the work on the belfry. While living in Davenport he had purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in what is now Welton township, this county, and one hundred and sixty acres in DeWitt township, nine miles west of the village, and after following carpentering here for about five years, he located upon his land and turned his attention to its improvement and cultivation. His first home here was a small residence, which in later years was replaced by a more commodious structure. He also erected a good barn and outbuildings, set up a wind pump, and made other improvements upon the place. He planted both



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fruit and shade trees, besides a great variety of small fruits, and successfully engaged in farming there for thirty-eight years. In 1897 he bought property in DeWitt and built a large, neat and substantial residence in modern style of architecture, it being one of the best homes in the village. Here he now makes his home.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born ten children but only two are now living, namely: Jennie, who is the wife of Dr. C. W. Smith, of Maquoketa, Iowa, and is herself a physician; and Edwin Stanton, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Those now deceased were as follows: Jonathan Knight, the eldest, was graduated at the medical department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, and was engaged in practice at DeWitt, Iowa, for six years. He died at the age of thirty-two. James Albert, who died at the age of twenty-one, was a soldier of the Civil war and being discharged on account of disability returned home, where his death occurred. Mary E. married James Hicks and met death by accident in July, 1897. Josephine died when a young lady. Catherine Melissa died in infancy. Pearl was a physician and was engaged in practice at Maquoketa for about a year, but died on the home farm. Two sons died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Jones was originally an old line Whig and cast his first presidential ballot for "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too," in 1840. In 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont, and has since supported every presidential candidate of the Republican party. He has been a delegate to numerous conventions of his party, has served a number of terms on both the grand and petit juries, and has filled the offices of assessor six years, and township collector two years. He is an Ancient Odd Fellow, having in

former years belonged to the lodge at DeWitt. In 1844 he and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and were among the original members of the church of that denomination at DeWitt. They are earnest, consistent Christian people and are held in the highest regard by all who know them. They celebrated their golden wedding while living on the farm and quietly spent their sixtieth wedding anniversary in DeWitt, December 10, 1900. At their golden wedding a large number of their friends and neighbors met together to pay their respect to the worthy couple and left many tributes of their esteem. For almost half a century they have made their home in this county and they are justly numbered among its most honored pioneers and highly respected citizens.

WILLIAM D. WALDEN.

Among those who have come from foreign lands to become prominent in business circles in Iowa is William D. Walden, the well-known contractor, architect and builder of Clinton. His success in all his undertakings has been so marked that his methods are of interest to the industrial and commercial world. He has based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to rules,—industry, economy and strict, unswerving integrity. His enterprise and progressive spirit have made him a typical western man, and he well deserves mention in this history. By constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position he now holds, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him. He is one of the pioneers of Clinton county, and as an architect and builder of public buildings, resi-

dences and bridges he has contributed in a large measure to the substantial improvement of this portion of the state.

Mr. Walden is a native of England. He was born at Christ Church, Hampshire, on the 6th of June, 1825, and is a son of William and Mary (Davis) Walden. The father was a contractor and builder at that place, and the paternal grandfather was also a general contractor and builder of bridges. Our subject has now in his possession a draft of a bridge built by his grandfather in 1819 and engraved on a silver vase,—a relic which he highly prizes.

W. D. Walden was reared and educated in his native land. Leaving school at the age of sixteen, he was employed in his father's office as draftsman for two years, and later was employed by William Stent, an architect of Warminster, Wiltshire, for over two years. At the expiration of that time he entered the service of Edmund Pearce, an architect and surveyor of Winbourne, Dorsetshire, England, with whom he remained four years, being engaged on several important works during that time. He was clerk of the work of restoring Turnworth Hall and rebuilding of an old church at Maxwell, Dorsetshire.

Believing that advancement would come too slow in his native land and that better opportunities were afforded on this side of the Atlantic, Mr. Walden decided to come to America, and arrived in New York in October, 1850. He was first employed by Montgomery Queen, of Brooklyn, New York, as draftsman in his office, but soon afterward Mr. Queen gave up his business as contractor and builder, and Mr. Walden decided to visit Canada. After spending the winter in and around Montreal and Quebec, he returned to New York in the spring of 1851, and engaged with Samuel

Osman, a contractor and builder of Brooklyn, as draftsman, remaining with him but a short time, however. Through that gentleman he became acquainted with Henry Grimsteed, an architect of that city, and became associated with him in business under the firm name of Grimsteed & Walden, with office in Brooklyn, this connection continuing until August, 1855. As architects and superintendents of construction they had charge of the building of the Monteagle Hotel at Suspension Bridge, New York, for Charles B. Stuart, who at that time was consulting engineer of the Mississippi & Iowa Central Railroad, and who with others connected with the railroad company had arranged and purchased land below the town of Lyons, Iowa, for railway purposes, and had arranged to lay out a town which now forms a part of Clinton. Mr. Stuart called upon Mr. Walden in reference to a business block and hotel to be erected on the town site, and plans were drawn and arrangements made with the railway and Iowa Land Company to erect the building, which was named the Iowa Central Hotel, now the Windsor Hotel, of which Mr. Walden had supervision. After its completion he remained in Clinton and carried on business as an architect and builder until the fall of 1859, when he went south looking for a new location. He had secured contracts and was at work on several buildings on sugar plantations south of the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, when the difficulty arose between the north and the south, and the parties concluded not to continue work. After encountering some obstacles, Mr. Walden returned to Clinton in 1861. Two years later he was employed by the engineering department and assisted in the construction of the railway bridge across the main channel of the Mississippi river, now owned by the

Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. Later he had charge of the construction of the present machine shop located at Clinton, the passenger depot, and the round-house, which was erected in 1900 and is the largest in the world, having a storage capacity for fifty engines. The company, recognizing his worth and ability, appointed him superintendent of bridges and building in 1865, and he continued in that position until the 1st of January, 1901. During that time he built many bridges on the Iowa division, his labors extending over six to seven hundred miles of the road. He now has charge of the bridge over the Mississippi river, and thus remains in the service of the company with which he has been so long connected, and of which he is a most trusted employe, his record being one of unquestioned fidelity and ability.

On the 26th of November, 1852, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Walden was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Bennett, also a native of Christ Church, Hampshire, England, and a daughter of Joseph P. Bennett. Fourteen children have been born to them, namely: Mary Jennett, who died at the age of eight years; Emily Susan, who married John Gabriel; Henrietta, who, like the two older ones, was born in Brooklyn, New York, while the younger children were born in Clinton, Iowa; Fannie, at home; Jessie, wife of George F. Atkins; William Joseph, who married Lucy Manville, and is station agent at DeWitt, Iowa; Henry Alfred, who married Mabel Ball, and is assistant superintendent of the bridge and building department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; Ann Louise, wife of Herbert E. Donaldson; George Frederick, at home; Lucy Teresa, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Robert Stokes, who died in childhood; Charles D., a mechanic of Norfolk,

Virginia, who married Orra May Land; Albert Stokes, who married Louise Johnson and is a mechanic in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Clinton; and a son who died in infancy.

Mr. Walden is a demitted member of Western Star Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M., and was one of the first men initiated therein. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His hope of more rapidly advancing himself in business has been fulfilled in America, and his life demonstrates what can be accomplished by industry and genius in this land where the broad field of opportunity is open to all.

ABRAHAM M. HALL.

For more than a third of a century Abraham M. Hall has been a resident of Wheatland and Clinton county, and has taken commendable pride in the development and progress of this portion of the state. He is now serving as weighmaster at Wheatland, a position which he has filled at intervals for thirty years.

Mr. Hall is a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, born March 8, 1832, his parents being Samuel and Ann Frances (Moore) Hall. The father, also a native of the Keystone state, was a carpenter by trade and made that pursuit his life work. When our subject was eight years of age he removed with his family to Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and in 1857 left that state for Illinois, settling at Galena, where he remained for a year or two, after which he came to Iowa, establishing his home at Osage. In 1861 he enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry and served for two years, after which he was taken ill. He

then returned to Iowa, and died in Wheatland when about fifty-six years of age. His wife had died in Pennsylvania about 1845. They were the parents of six children, two of whom yet survive, William Hall Leing engaged in the milling business in DeWitt, Iowa.

For some years after the removal of the family to Clarion county, Pennsylvania, Abraham M. Hall remained at home with his father. He too was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting soon after the breaking out of hostilities as a member of Company I, Eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served for three months, when he was discharged at the expiration of the term of enlistment. He then returned to the front as a photographer and remained with the army until the close of hostilities. He then came to Iowa and has since been a resident of Wheatland. He has served almost continuously in public office. For many years he has filled the position of justice of the peace, and was town recorder from the incorporation of Wheatland until three years ago. He has also been councilman and township clerk for years, and at the present time is village weighmaster, which office he has held at different times through the last three decades. He also receives a small pension from the government.

In 1863 Mr. Hall was married to Miss Susan C. Bender, a native of Pennsylvania, and unto them were born six children, five of whom are living: Charles B., who conducts a restaurant and is a cigar manufacturer of Davenport, Iowa; Fannie, who is living in Kansas; Abram M., who is married and has a family in Wheatland, where he is engaged in the manufacture of cigars; William Thomas, who conducts a restaurant and cigar store in Mokena, Illinois; and Maude, who resides in Pennsylvania

with her aunt. The other child died in infancy, and the mother passed away in 1872. In 1874 Mr. Hall was again married, his second union being with Rhoda Schneider, daughter of George Schneider, one of the early settlers of Spring Rock township, Clinton county, and a prominent farmer, now deceased. By the second marriage there are seven children: Josephine, wife of Dr. Spence, of Clinton, Iowa; Beatrice, wife of Frank Grauell, a wagonmaker of Wheatland; Nelson, a cigarmaker of Davenport; Samuel, of Clinton; Belva, who is also in Clinton; Lanora and Lorado, both at home. The children were all born and educated in Clinton county. Mr. Hall was formerly a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, but there is now no post in Wheatland. His long retention in office well indicates his trustworthiness, his promptness and his reliability, and over his public career there falls no shadow of wrong.

GEORGE T. CLARK.

George T. Clark, deceased, was one of the gallant defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and was an honored citizen of Delmar for many years. He was a native of New York, born in Essex county May 29, 1840, and was a son of Truman and Axia (Potter) Clark, the former also a native of the Empire state, the latter of Vermont. In March, 1845, the father came to Iowa, bringing his family with him, the journey being made across the country in a wagon. On reaching Clinton county he entered land in Bloomfield township, and this wild tract he at once commenced to improve and cultivate. Later he added to it until he had one hundred and

twenty-five acres, upon which he resided until February, 1874, when he removed to Delmar and purchased property, making his home there until called to his final rest, March 20, 1889. His wife died in January, 1899, and the remains of both were interred in the Union Church cemetery about three miles northwest of Delmar. They were the parents of five children, namely: Matilda, Marietta and George, all now deceased; Byron, a resident of Nebraska; and Pauline, wife of J. Taylor, of Clinton county, Iowa. They reside on the old homestead.

George Clark was not quite five years old when brought by his parents to this county, and to its common schools he was indebted for his educational privileges. He remained under the parental roof until about twenty years of age, and then began farming on his own account. When the country became involved in civil war he manifested his patriotism by enlisting, August 9, 1862, for three years, in Company I, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service with his regiment until March, 1864, when he was injured and was given a position as chief teamster of the company's wagon train. Later he sailed from New Orleans to Baltimore with five hundred teams under his supervision, and on his arrival at the latter place was promoted to wagon master of the army corps, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at Savannah, Georgia, July 25, 1865, and returned to his father's home in August.

On the 28th of March, 1864, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Helen M. Germond, a daughter of Seneca S. and Sarah A. (Ward) Germond, both natives of New York, the former born in Dutchess county, the latter in Cortland county. In

1855 they came west, traveling by rail to Galena, Illinois, and by wagon from that place to Jackson county, Iowa. The father served three terms as sheriff of Chautauqua county, New York, to which position he was first elected in 1849, and he had just been re-elected for a fourth term before coming to Iowa. He located in Maquoketa, Jackson county, and became one of the leading lawyers of that place, practicing in the courts of both Jackson and Clinton counties. As a Republican he took a very active and prominent part in political affairs, and was one of the most influential citizens of Maquoketa. He served as mayor of the city six years, and filled the office of justice of the peace for the long period of twenty years. Fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died August 29, 1878, at the age of sixty-four years, and his widow now makes her home with a daughter in Maquoketa. Unto them were born the following children: Helen A., who was born in Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, New York, and is now Mrs. Clark; Sarah, wife of Alfred Smith, of Minneapolis; Milton, a resident of St. Paul; Seneca, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of George Tinker, of Minneapolis; Cora, who married Milton Amsley, and both are now deceased; Caddie, wife of H. B. Hubbell, a banker of Maquoketa; and Frank, a resident of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark had nine children: (1) Truman, a farmer of South Dakota, married Carrie Clark, and they have two children, Grace and Frederick. (2) Etta M. is the wife of Ransom Davis, a farmer of Clinton county, Iowa, and they have four children, Louis, Florence, Oliver and Leona. (3) Carlota is the wife of Schuyler Beard, of Lyon county, Iowa, and they have two children, Helen and Mary. (4)

Eugene is a minister of the Free Methodist church and is now preaching in Toddville township, Linn county. (5) Fred B. is deceased. (6) Harry, who resides in Lyons county. (7) Frank; (8) William and (9) Edith are all at home.

After his return from the war, Mr. Clark engaged in farming upon a tract of forty acres for a few years, but was soon forced to discontinue that occupation on account of the injuries he sustained during his army life. Selling his farm, he followed various pursuits until 1877, when he removed to Delmar, and made his home at that place until his death, which occurred June 11, 1895. His remains were interred in the Delmar cemetery. His widow now receives a pension of eight dollars per month, while Edith, his youngest child, gets two dollars. The family continue to reside in Delmar and are numbered among its most highly respected citizens. In his political affiliations Mr. Clark was a Republican and he always took a commendable interest in all enterprises tending to advance the public welfare. He was widely and favorably known, and was held in high regard by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

HON. A. A. GARDNER.

Hon. A. A. Gardner, ex-representative and a retired farmer, residing in the village of Lost Nation, has been a resident of Clinton county since 1856. He is a native of New York, born in Otsego county June 3, 1833, and is a son of Dr. Marlin and Clarissa (Ruggles) Gardner, who were natives of Massachusetts, and where they resided until after their marriage, when they

removed to New York state, where the father continued to engage in the practice of medicine until 1843, when he removed with his family to Kane county, Illinois. He located in the town of Blackberry, and purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres near that place, which his sons operated while he followed his profession. In 1855 he sold his property in Kane county, Illinois, and removed to Linn county, Iowa, buying a farm in Paola township. He engaged in practice in that locality until his death, which occurred in 1857. His wife died in Blackberry, Illinois. Of the six children born to them only two are now living, namely: Jane, wife of H. Gage, who resides in the state of Washington; and A. A., of this review.

The subject of this sketch began his education in the common schools of his native state, and continued his studies in Kane county, Illinois, after the family located there. On the 6th of September, 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss A. D. Wood, who was born in Ohio, August 4, 1836, and is a daughter of Professor Stephen and Letitia (Pangburn) Wood. To our subject and his wife were born four children, but the only one now living is John L., who was born May 10, 1855, and is now a prominent farmer of Sharon township, this county. He married Orre Edmonds, and they have three children, Henry A., Gertrude and LeRoy. Those of our subject's family now deceased were Carrie, William LeRoy and Jennie S.

In 1856 Mr. Gardner came to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled in Sharon township, where he bought one hundred and twenty acres of government land at one dollar per acre. He made all the improvements upon his place and successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising

until 1894, when he removed to Lost Nation and has since lived retired, though he still owns two hundred and eighty acres of valuable farming land which he rents. He was a progressive and practical farmer, as well as a man of good business and executive ability, and to these characteristics may be attributed his success.

As a Republican Mr. Gardner has taken quite an active and influential part in public affairs, and on his party ticket was elected to the state legislature in 1878, although his district was strongly Democratic. He also served as supervisor of his township one year, and has filled the offices of assessor and trustee, besides other minor positions. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Lost Nation and other fraternal orders.

FRED DIECKMANN.

This well-known and popular business man of Clinton, a member of the firm of Paddock & Dieckmann, insurance and real estate dealers, was born in Cheviott, Ohio, December 2, 1860. His father was Frederick Dieckmann, Sr., who was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1833, and at an early age came to America with his parents, Gottlieb F. H. and Margaretha Dieckmann. The family first located in Galveston, Texas, but later removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Gottlieb Dieckmann died. By occupation he was a cigar manufacturer.

The father of our subject was practically reared in the United States and was educated in Cincinnati. He not only prepared himself for the ministry, but also studied medicine. In early life he preached for the German Reformed church, and came to Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1876, as

pastor of the church of that denomination at that place. Subsequently he gave up the work of the ministry and engaged in the practice of medicine at Wheatland until his death, which occurred in 1889. He was widely and favorably known, and was called upon to fill a number of local offices, such as justice of the peace and township clerk. Fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Supreme Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He married Miss Frederica Leyer, who died in Clinton, at the age of fifty-four years. The children born to them were Fred, our subject; Albert M., a resident of Wheatland; Lydia, deceased; Clara E., of Clinton; Emil Louis; and William L.

Mr. Dieckmann, of this review, was graduated at the high school of Wheatland, and took a course at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon. In 1881 he entered into business with his brother, Albert, at Wheatland, under the firm name of Dieckmann Brothers, carrying a general line of groceries, queensware and hardware, and in September, 1895, he was appointed postmaster, and for a year thereafter he conducted both the store and postoffice. At the end of that period he disposed of his mercantile interests, and in connection with the postoffice assumed the management of the Wheatland Spectator. He continued with the Spectator until May, 1888, when, in partnership with D. R. Markham, who was then deputy clerk of the courts, they organized and established the Wheatland Gazette, a Democratic paper. In February, 1889, he disposed of his interests, and October 1 of the same year he surrendered the office of postmaster to his Republican successor, and in September following he was nominated by the Democratic county convention for the office of county

auditor, and in November was elected. So acceptably did he fill the office that in 1892 he was re-elected for a second term without opposition. On the 1st of December, 1896, he formed a partnership with Albert H. Paddock, in real estate and insurance business, under the firm name of Paddock & Dieckmann. In this line he has met with success and is to-day doing a large and profitable business, which is constantly increasing.

Mr. Dieckmann owns a nice home in Clinton. Socially he is a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master in 1897, and of Keystone Chapter, No. 32, R. A. M. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah branch of that order, has served as noble grand and has represented his district in the grand lodge of the state. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of the Red Cross. He is quite prominent both in business and social circles, as well as political affairs.

GEORGE SCOTT.

Among the worthy citizens that the kingdom of Denmark has furnished to Iowa was George Scott, who for many years was actively engaged in farming in Clinton county and was numbered among the valued citizens of his community. His birth occurred in Denmark September 21, 1853, and his parents, Nelson and Mahilda Scott, were also natives of that country and still reside there, the former at the age of seventy-three years, and the latter now seventy-four years of age. Their son George was the eldest of the five children, the others

being Hannah, wife of Loraine Freeze, who resides ten miles west of Sioux City, Iowa, and by whom she has four children; Sorin, who is also living near Sioux City; Andrew, who has been twice married and lives in Marcus, Iowa, and has one child by his first marriage and two by his second; and Paul, who married Lena Hoist, and with their five children reside at Delmar.

Mr. Scott, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the district schools until ten years of age, when he left home and secured a position as chore boy taking care of cattle. He was thus employed until seventeen years of age and in 1876 he crossed the briny deep to the new world, settling near Charlotte, Iowa. There he was employed as a farm hand for nine months and on the expiration of that period he came to Bloomfield township, where he entered the employ of a Mr. Koon, for whom he worked eight years. He was afterward in the service of William Haney, of Deep Creek township, for nine months, and afterward spent six months in the employ of Dan Sackriter.

On the first of December, 1886, Mr. Scott married Miss Sarah Crouch, who was to him a faithful companion and helpmate on the journey of life. She was born in Jackson county, Iowa, near Andrew, May 23, 1862, a daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Sutton) Crouch. The father was a native of Harrison county, Ohio, born June 17, 1825, and her mother was born in Piatt county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1826. They were married in Ohio and on coming to Iowa, located on a rented farm near Fulton, Jackson county, where they remained for two years. They then removed to a rented farm four miles west of Delmar and after two years there passed came to Bloomfield township, where Mr. Crouch purchased eighty acres of land on section 21, making



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it his home until February 15, 1893, when he located in Delmar, Iowa, and retired from active life, purchasing there a good residence in which he is now enjoying the fruits of his former labor. In his family were four children: Martha, who became the wife of Jacob Teeters, of Fulton, died in 1877 leaving one child: Phebe, who is the wife of Joseph Corlett, who is living four miles west of Delmar, and they have three children: Harriet is the wife of John Burgoin, who is living near Kingsley, Iowa, and they have two children: and Sarah A. completes the family. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Scott has been blessed with one son, Louis, who was born August 29, 1893, and resides with his mother.

After his marriage Mr. Scott took up his abode four miles northeast of Delmar upon a rented farm, where he remained for one year. He afterward lived for three years upon a farm two and one-half miles from Delmar and later resided at the Sackriter farm for a similar period. When that time had passed he purchased the Crouch homestead and successfully continued its cultivation until his death, which occurred on Wednesday, October 11, 1899. He was industrious and persevering and his prosperity resulted from his well directed efforts. He found his greatest happiness in providing for the wants of his family, and did everything in his power to promote the welfare of his wife and son. He was an esteemed member of Moulton Lodge, No. 330, F. & A. M., of Delmar, which he joined January 17, 1883. He was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He never sought official honors and refused to hold office save that of road supervisor. In politics he was a staunch Republican when political issues were involved, but in local elections, where there was no question before the

people save the ability of the community, he did not hesitate to support the men whom he believed best qualified for office. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, —a consistent Christian gentleman, a devoted husband and father and faithful friend. He was true to every relation of life and to his family he left, not only a comfortable competence, but the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He was laid to rest with Masonic honors. His widow, a most estimable lady, is still living on the home farm with her son, and throughout the community she has many friends.



GEORGE U. GORDON.

George U. Gordon, county superintendent of schools in Clinton county, Iowa, was born fifteen miles from Canton, Ohio, and received his early education in the public schools of that state. After teaching school for a short time he entered Valparaiso College, Indiana, where he was graduated in 1884 with the degree of A. B., and subsequently received the degree of A. M. from that institution. After his graduation Mr. Gordon went to Kansas, where he engaged in teaching for a few years, and in 1890 removed to Preston, Iowa, where he taught one year. He then resigned his position there after having been chosen for a second year, to accept the principalship of the school of Chancy, now a part of Clinton, and was at the head of the schools of that place for two years. While teaching at Chancy he read law under Senator L. A. Ellis, the ablest member of the Clinton county bar at that time, and was admitted to practice by examination before the supreme court in 1893.

In 1893 Mr. Gordon was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of law in Clinton for two years and a half. He was elected county superintendent of schools for this county in 1895, and on the 1st of the following January assumed the duties of that office. So efficiently did he fill the position that he has been twice re-elected, and is now serving his third term, being the first Democrat to fill the office for so long a time in this county. He has supervision of eleven graded schools, together with one hundred and sixty rural schools and three hundred and five teachers.

Mr. Gordon was married in 1892 to Miss Otilia Heckard at Wheatland, Iowa. Socially he is a member of Emulation Lodge, No. 255, A. F. & A. M., and America Lodge, No. 567, I. O. O. F., both of Clinton. He is popular and is the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who honor and esteem him for his many virtues and genuine worth. He is a courteous, genial gentleman, and affable and agreeable at all times.

F. L. SUNDERLIN.

F. L. Sunderlin, the well-known editor of the Delmar Journal, was born in Sunderlinville, Potter county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1857, and is descended from good old colonial families, which were well represented in the Revolutionary war. His father, Samuel Sunderlin, was also a native of that place. He was married in Independence, Allegany county, New York, September 10, 1856, to Miss Laura A. Barney, a native of that place and a daughter of Dr. Anthony Barney. She was of a literary turn of mind, and not only wrote for news-

papers and magazines, but also published a number of books, among them being "Pencilings from Immortality" and "Lyric of Life." At the time of his marriage, Samuel Sunderlin was engaged in the manufacture of potash at Sunderlinville, Potter county, Pennsylvania, where he made his home until 1863, when he came to Iowa. After spending three years in Davenport he removed to Grand Mound, Clinton county, and engaged in farming and dairying until 1876. The following five years were passed in Maquoketa, and at the end of that time he took up his residence in Calamus, where he made his home until his death, which occurred September 27, 1886, his remains being interred there. His wife subsequently married William A. Nourse, of Moline, Illinois, where she lived until she, too, was called to her final rest January 9, 1899. She was buried there. By her first marriage she had three children, of whom F. L., our subject, is the oldest. Gertrude is the wife of C. B. Jones, of Redfield, Iowa. Stella first married Fred Fifield, who was accidentally killed, and she is now the wife of Arthur Pulver, of Moline, Illinois.

Mr. Sunderlin acquired his primary education in the district schools of this county, and later attended the public schools of Maquoketa, Iowa, until seventeen years of age, after which he engaged in teaching school for two years. During the following two years he was a student in the law office of T. E. Elwood, of Maquoketa, and on the 25th of June, 1879, he was admitted to the bar, after which he was engaged in the practice of his profession in that city for a time.

Mr. Sunderlin then removed to Calamus, where he was married April 5, 1884, to Miss Stella Barter, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of H. L. and Julia

(Banker) Barter, who were residing at that time in Calamus, Iowa, but are now living in Cripple Creek, Colorado. By this union our subject had one son, Ray, who makes his home with his maternal grandparents, the wife and mother having died, November 5, 1885.

In June, 1887, Mr. Sunderlin located in Delmar and established the Delmar Journal, which he now edits. Here he was again married, May 3, 1892, his second union being with Miss May Scott, who was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 6, 1871. Her parents, D. R. and Julia (Canfield) Scott, were both natives of England and in early life came to America, their marriage being celebrated in Iowa. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Sunderlin has two brothers: Rev. W. C. Scott, of Freeport, Illinois; and William J. Scott, of Delmar, Iowa. Her father was a second time married and by that union has three children: Laura, who resides with our subject; and Sylvia and Earl, who are living with their mother in DeWitt, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Sunderlin have three children: Howard, born February 20, 1893; Gertrude, born September 27, 1894; and Olive, born August 2, 1897.

Socially Mr. Sunderlin is a member of Monitor Lodge, No. 330, A. F. & A. M., of Delmar; Mystic Chapter, O. E. S.; Delmar Camp, No. 982, M. W. A.; and Bloomfield Lodge, No. 119, M. B. A.; and politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles. He is now serving as justice of the peace and is engaged in the practice of law in connection with the publication of his paper. The Journal has a large circulation, which extends throughout this and adjoining counties, and is one of the most popular newspapers of this section of the state. Mr. Sunderlin takes an active interest in pub-

lic affairs, and personally and through the columns of his paper does all in his power to advance the interests of the community in which he lives. He is widely and favorably known and has a host of warm friends.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH I. DULEY.

Since 1883 this gentleman has been one of the most trusted employes of the firm of C. Lamb & Sons, well-known lumbermen of Clinton, and for over nine years has had charge of all their boats as superintendent of the fleet. He was born in Maple Park, Illinois, December 15, 1860, and is a son of John and Mary (Shettler) Duley, the former born in France of Irish parentage, the latter in Canada of French Canadian ancestry. The father, who was a ship carpenter by trade, was killed in a shipyard at San Francisco, California, together with six others, by a ship in course of repairs slipping off the blocking. He was at that time about thirty-one years of age. Our subject's mother is still living and makes her home in Albany, Illinois. The two other children of the family were John and Charles, now residents of California.

J. I. Duley received his education in the schools of Albany, Illinois, which he attended during the winter months, while he worked on a farm through the summer season. In 1876, at the age of sixteen years, he began his life on the Mississippi as raftsman, and at the end of three years he had so thoroughly learned the river that he was given a pilot's license. During the early part of his career he ran from Rock Island to St. Paul and Stillwater, and spent two years in running to St. Louis, so that he knows seven hundred and twenty-nine

miles of river, it being as familiar to him as the old cow paths on the farm where he spent his boyhood. After receiving his license he served in the capacity of pilot with Gardner, Bachelor & Wells, of Lyons; the Daniel Shaw Lumber Company, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Weyerhauser & Dinkman, of Rock Island, Illinois; and the Staples Lumber Company, of Stillwater, Minnesota.

In 1883 Mr. Duley entered the employ of C. Lamb & Sons, and served as pilot, master or captain for nine years, having charge of all of the different boats of their fleet. He was then promoted to his present position, that of superintendent of the fleet. This company operates from Stillwater to St. Paul and Clinton, and also up the Chippewa river to the foot of Lake Pipin. They have three large boats, Chaney Lamb, the Vivian, and The Wanderer, and two smaller ones, known as the Artemas Gates and Berneice, besides three gasoline launches and one pleasure boat, all of which are under the supervision of Mr. Duley, who devotes the winter to painting and repairing them, using about two tons of paint in the winter of 1900-1901. There are also five barges which are used in connection with the fleet. All are in constant use during the navigation season, and any one of these boats can make a round trip to Stillwater in eight days. They handle no manufactured lumber, but are used in towing immense rafts of logs to the mills at Clinton. An ordinary raft consists of about forty-five hundred logs, or about one million feet of lumber. The system in vogue since the organization of the company is to encircle the logs in a boom, it requiring about eight hundred dollars' worth of Manila rope to handle one raft, and the boats are all of the stern wheel design for

rafting. Mr. Duley makes his headquarters in Clinton, but his work takes him all along the river, as the company has winter harbors where large quantities of logs are stored. Under his supervision are about seventy-three men, who are connected with the boating and logging, and the average cost of labor is sixty dollars per month per man.

Since April, 1886, Mr. Duley has made his home in Clinton. He married Miss Bertha Whistler, of Albany, Illinois, December 24, 1881, and they have two children, Berneice and Vivian. Politically he is an ardent Republican, and socially is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Emulation Lodge, De Molay Commandery, and El Kahir Temple. He is an enterprising and energetic man, and his keen discrimination and sound judgment is shown in his capable management of the business intrusted to his care. He has a beautiful home at 1021 North Second street.

JAMES A. SMITH.

During early manhood the subject of this sketch was actively engaged in mechanical pursuits, and having acquired a comfortable competence is now able to lay aside all business cares and spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet at his pleasant home in DeWitt. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 10, 1846, and first came to this county in the summer of 1851.

John Smith, the father of our subject, was a native of Donaghadee, County Down, Ireland, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He was quite young when his parents died, and when only eleven years of age hid himself as a stowaway on a vessel bound for

the new world, not being discovered for three days after leaving port. He landed at New York and later went to Boston, where he served a seven years' apprenticeship to the marble and stone cutter's trade, which he continued to follow throughout his active business life. He was married in Wheeling, West Virginia, to Miss Minerva C. Swyler, who was born in that city of Scotch parentage. Subsequently he worked for several years in different cities, including Cincinnati, St. Louis, Nashville and Rock Island, and was employed on many large and important buildings. In 1851 he came to DeWitt, Iowa, and made a permanent location. Here he entered some land, which was operated by his sons, while he continued to work at his trade. He was a skilled mechanic and was very prominent in his line of work. He spent his last years in DeWitt, where he met death by accident in October, 1877. His wife still survives him at the age of seventy-five years, and now makes her home in Jefferson, Iowa. He served three years in the war of the Rebellion as a member of Company H, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and when hostilities ceased was honorably discharged.

James A. Smith was a lad of six years when he came with his parents to this county, and is indebted to the public schools of DeWitt for his educational privileges. When not quite eighteen years of age he joined the boys in blue, enlisting October 5, 1864, in Company I, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He joined his regiment at Kingston, Georgia, and went with Sherman on the march to the sea and through the Carolinas, taking part in the battle of Macon, the siege of Savannah, and the engagements at Columbia, South Carolina, and Bentonville, North Carolina, which was the last

battle of the war and lasted three days. The rains during that time brought on fever and Mr. Smith was sent to the hospital at Goldsboro, being later transferred to a hospital in Troy, New York, where he remained about a month. On the 26th of May, 1865, he was honorably discharged and returned to the home farm in this county.

In July, 1866, Mr. Smith commenced learning the blacksmith's trade at DeWitt, and later worked as a journeyman for about twelve years in Kalamazoo, Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan; St. Louis, Missouri; and Chicago, Illinois, being at the last named place nearly eight years.

At DeWitt, Iowa, November 29, 1874, Mr. Smith married Miss Ellen A. Simpson, a daughter of George and Mary Jane (Langley) Simpson, both natives of England. Her mother died when she was only three years old and she was adopted by William S. Teneyck, one of the early settlers of this county, having located here on coming west in 1849. He was born in the Mohawk valley, near Albany, New York, and on reaching manhood married Miss Susan M. Wilson, also a native of Albany county.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith began their married life in DeWitt, where he opened a shop and engaged in blacksmithing very successfully for almost a quarter of a century, selling out his business in 1898, since which time he has lived retired. He purchased a residence, which he has since enlarged and remodeled and now has a nice home.

Mr. Smith cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, but on national issues has since supported the Democracy, though at local elections he votes independent of party lines. While not a mem-

ber of any religious organization, he and his wife attend the Congregational church and give to its support. Socially Mr. Smith is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows lodge of DeWitt, in which he has filled all the chairs and is now past grand. He has always taken an active part in its work and served one year as district deputy grand master. He is also a member of the Encampment of that order, and of the Grand Army Post at DeWitt, of which he was commander three terms. He has been a delegate to a number of state encampments, and to the national encampment at Washington, D. C. His upright, honorable course in life has commended him to the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and he is held in the highest regard by his fellow citizens.

FRANK J. DARLING.

Frank J. Darling, who for more than a quarter of a century has made his home in Clinton, was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, July 26, 1852, and on the paternal side is of German extraction. His grandfather, Abner Darling, became one of the pioneer settlers of Iowa, and was accompanied to this state by his sons, Charles P. and Perry W., the former the father of our subject. The latter is now residing in Elk River township upon a farm which he purchased upon his arrival here, and is one of the honored and esteemed agriculturists of the community.

Charles P. Darling was born in Dover, Dutchess county, New York, September 11, 1819, and, with his family, emigrated westward, settling in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in 1845. In 1852 he came to Iowa, taking up

his abode in Clinton county, near Lyons, where he purchased government land at three dollars per acre. This he improved, developing a fine farm, upon which he made his home until his death, which occurred January 23, 1891. He owned one hundred and sixty acres of rich land, and from the well tilled fields gleaned rich harvests. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Amanda M. Benson, was born in Amenia, Dutchess county, New York, March 11, 1825, and was of English lineage. Her father was a prosperous farmer of the Empire state, and his death occurred in New York when he had attained the very advanced age of ninety-three years. Mrs. Darling was reared and educated in New York, and there she gave her hand in marriage to the father of our subject, May 1, 1846. They became the parents of four children: Belle, who attended a ladies' seminary in Davenport, Iowa, is now the wife of Henry Walker, one of the early settlers of the county, living upon the old Walker homestead. Frank J., is the second of the family. Charles L., after following farming for a number of years, lived retired at his home in Lyons, this county, until his death, which occurred April 14, 1901, when he was forty-six years of age. George H. is a farmer, residing upon the old homestead. The children were all educated in the common schools of Elk River township. In his political affiliations the father was a Republican from the time of the organization of the party, and believed most firmly in its principles. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were people of the highest respectability. The wife and mother survived her husband about two years, passing away February 5, 1894.

When only about a year old Frank J. Darling was brought to Clinton county,

where he has since made his home. He was reared to farm life, working in the fields through the summer months and pursuing his education in the country schools during the winter seasons. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he came to Clinton and secured employment in the blacksmith shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, remaining there for three years. He was then made a brakeman on the road, and after two years he went upon an engine as fireman. Three years later he was promoted to the position of engineer, making a run in October, 1882, since which time he has been employed continuously as engineer. He now has a time freight run between Clinton and Boone, and a local run in return. His carefulness, close application to duty and earnest purpose are numbered among his salient characteristics, and have gained for him an enviable position among the most trusted representatives of the road. During his long experience in the railway service he has seen many changes made and improvements introduced in the engines, the road beds and in other branches of the road, and he has also witnessed many changes in the city in which he makes his home.

Mr. Darling purchased a lot and erected his present home in what was then a pasture, but it now stands in the midst of a populous and attractive district of the city. He was married May 29, 1878, to Miss Lucinda Markle, who was born November 13, 1857, a daughter of Frank and Kate (Taylor) Markle, the former born January 1, 1834, and the latter November 4, 1833. They were the parents of four children, three daughters and a son: Lucinda, the wife of our subject; Fannie, deceased; Charles, who is a foreman in the railroad

shops at Clinton; and Olivia, the wife of Thomas Swirls, insurance agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, and a resident of Oak Park, Illinois. On both sides the Markle family is descended from Pennsylvania ancestors. Mrs. Markle is now deceased, and Mr. Markle makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Darling. This worthy couple are the parents of two sons: Bruce W., who was born in Clinton, November 15, 1879, and is a graduate of the high school here, is now engaged in clerking for the firm of Jenkins Brothers, Chicago, Illinois; while Charles H., the younger son, born in Clinton, February 10, 1885, is at home.

Since 1883 Mr. Darling has been a member of Clinton Division, No. 125, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and has held office in the organization. He also belongs to the blue lodge of Masons, and his wife is a member of the Congregational church. He occupies an enviable position in industrial circles by reason of his efficiency and fidelity, and in the county, where almost his entire life has been passed, he has many friends who esteem him very highly, as he possesses those traits of character which everywhere awaken regard and respect.

BENJAMIN F. HALL.

Benjamin F. Hall, deceased, was one of the representative early settlers and honored citizens of Clinton county. He was a native of the old Pine Tree state, his birth having occurred in Brunswick, Maine, on the 10th of March, 1808. His father, Elijah Hall, came to this country from England, and was married in Maine. For some time he served as captain in the state mili-

tia, and his father was an officer in the war of 1812.

His education was acquired in a primitive log school-house, so common during his boyhood. He remained at home until he attained his majority and assisted his father in the mill. Going to Ohio, he was married at Mottville, Medina county, March 16, 1837, to Miss Eunice Howe, who was born in Camillus, Onondaga county, New York, July 12, 1815. Her parents were Jonathan and Maria (Shetonbark) Howe, the former a native of Connecticut, the latter of Germany. They were married in Connecticut, and lived for some time in New York, but spent their last days in Ohio. In their family were six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Spellman, is still living in Medina county, Ohio.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born the following children: Isadore, wife of Thompson Day, of Crawford county, Iowa; Mrs. Maria McClure, who lives with her mother; Adelia S., a teacher, of Crawford county; Arthur, who died at the age of fourteen years; Mary Elizabeth, who died at the age of four years; Ellen W., who married Frank Robinson, and both died in Cedar Rapids; Granville, who died at the age of two years; Lois A., wife of Taylor Nickson, of Crawford county; Angelo, who married Carrie Immel, and lives in Delmar; and Elijah, who married Eva Nickson, and lives in Crawford county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hall removed to Indiana, and he purchased a farm of forty acres, near Terre Haute, where they lived for about fifteen years. In 1846 they came to Iowa, the journey being made in a wagon drawn by oxen and horse teams. Locating at Charlotte, Mr. Hall purchased a partially improved farm

of eighty acres, and upon that place he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for twenty years. At the end of that period he removed to Delmar, and bought the residence which is still the home of his widow. Here he lived retired until called to his final rest, on the 4th of October, 1885. Politically he was identified with the Republican party, and he served as justice of the peace at Charlotte for some time. He was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and had many friends throughout the county.

ANDREW BUCKLEY.

In the pioneer times in Clinton county Andrew Buckley became a resident of this portion of the state, and for many years was connected with agricultural pursuits, but perhaps he is better known as a representative of its official interests. For many years he has performed public service with impartiality and ability and has been continued in the office of justice of the peace for six years in the city of Clinton—a fact which stands in unmistakable evidence of his fidelity and the trust reposed in him—a trust that has never been betrayed in the slightest degree.

Mr. Buckley came to this county in 1854 with his father, John Buckley, who was born in Kildare, Ireland, a son of Andrew and Catherine Buckley, who lived and died on the Emerald Isle. There John Buckley was reared, educated and married, Miss Eliza Cunningham becoming his wife. In 1848 they crossed the Atlantic, believing that more favorable opportunities were presented here to men of ambition and determination. Locating at Frankfort, Ken-



ANDREW BUCKLEY.

tucky, the father worked at the stone cutter's trade and later followed the same pursuit in Paris, Kentucky. In 1852 he started with his family for Iowa, going by boat down the Ohio to Cairo, then up the Mississippi to Keokuk, where he became winter bound. From there in the spring of 1853 they went by wagon to Columbus City, Louisa county, Iowa, where he traded an old musket and watch for 120 acres of land. There they remained until the fall of 1854. Settling in Clinton county in 1854, he secured a tract of land from the government, cut down the trees, built a log cabin with thatched roof, a mud chimney and dirt floor, and in that pioneer home spent the first winter in Clinton county. With characteristic energy he began to break the prairie and prepare it for cultivation. Deer were plentiful, venison often being found on their table. Wolves were also numerous and made the night hideous with their howling. Mr. Buckley had money, but markets were far distant, so the family made the best of their opportunities and were happy in their pioneer home until better buildings and facilities could be secured. The original family homestead is now owned by William Rositer and another farm which the father purchased and improved is the property of Peter Dunn, while a third tract of land once owned by Mr. Buckley is today in possession of William Lamp and his last farm is owned by John Hunniher. Finally renting his farm he removed to DeWitt, Iowa, where he embarked in the lumber business, carrying on a wholesale and retail trade.

There the father died in 1875, when about fifty-five years of age, and thus ended an active and useful career. His first wife passed away in 1850, when about thirty years of age, and of their six children all

are now deceased with the exception of Andrew and his brother, David J., who is now connected with the Moller Lumber Company of Moline, Illinois. After the death of his first wife the father married Margaret Dunn, who is now deceased, and they had one child, Mary, who is now a sister in the convent of the Good Shepherd at St. Paul.

The birth of Andrew Buckley occurred in Kildare, Ireland, May 7, 1845, and when four years of age he was brought with his parents to America. He remained upon his father's farm until 1862, when his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union he enlisted in Company A, Eighteenth Iowa Infantry, serving for three years and two months. He was a brave and loyal soldier and faithfully defended the stars and stripes until the flag was victoriously planted in the capital of the Confederacy. Returning home, he then resumed farming.

On the 20th of April, 1868, Mr. Buckley wedded Miss Mary Duffey, a daughter of the late Martin Duffey, of Welton township, and their union has been blessed with nine children: John, a fireman on the Northwestern Railroad, who married Minnie Peterson and has two children, Florence and John; Bridget, at home; Martin, also at home; Eliza, the wife of W. J. Houlihan, by whom she has three children—Ruth, Francis and Gladys Marie; David, who married Catherine McGovern and is a fireman on the Northwestern Railroad; Andrew, also a fireman on the Northwestern, wedded Mary Timm; William F.; Mary and Hannah, all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Buckley followed agricultural pursuits for some time. He purchased a farm in Berlin township which had been improved by G. W. Knowles, and later traded that place for another farm

which he sold in 1882 and which is now the property of Martin Burnett. Coming to Clinton in 1882, he engaged in teaming for two years and then served as assistant street commissioner for eight years, after which he was elected justice of the peace and by re-election has since been continued in the office, enjoying the uniform confidence of all concerned. His "even-handed justice" has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people" and his public record is indeed commendable. He has also been school director and road commissioner. Fraternally he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and at present is colonel of Lookout Regiment, No. 6, U. V. U., Department of Iowa, and is to-day as true to his duties of citizenship as when on the picket or firing line. He has a wide acquaintance in Clinton county and enjoys the high regard of many friends among whom he has lived for almost a half century.

JOHN Q. JEFFERIES.

Prominent among the business men of Clinton is numbered John Q. Jefferies, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business under the firm name of J. Q. Jefferies & Company. No one of the community is better known, for here his entire life has been passed, and all the interests from boyhood have been closely associated with those of this city. In his special field of business he has met with good success, and by the energy and zeal which he has manifested he has won the confidence and esteem of the public.

A native of Clinton county, Mr. Jefferies was born in Lyons, August 15, 1861, and is a son of John J. Jefferies, now a re-

tired mason of Clinton. His paternal grandparents were John and Isabella (Lemon) Jefferies, who spent their entire lives in Somersetshire, England, where the former died at the advanced age of ninety-three years, and the latter when over seventy years of age.

John J. Jefferies, the father of our subject, was born in Somersetshire, England, on the 8th of December, 1824, and there learned the mason's trade. Emigrating to the new world at the age of twenty-four years, he settled in Cicero, New York, where he worked as a journeyman for some time. In 1857 he came to Lyons, Iowa, which was then a small but promising town. He first engaged on the old Pickering saw mill, and also assisted in the erection of the central school building, which is still standing. In later years he was employed on the Masonic Temple, an imposing structure at that time, and shortly afterward he began contracting on his own account. In 1877 he removed to Clinton, exchanging his home in Lyons for a residence at 540 Fourth avenue, where he resided until 1895, in which year he went to make his home with our subject. He has built and sold several houses here and still owns two residences in the city of Clinton. Many of the dwelling and business blocks of the city stand as monuments to his mechanical skill and ability, and the substantial quality of his work is a convincing test of his own personal worth. He continued to work at his trade to a limited extent until 1900, but is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was one of the early members of Lyons Lodge, No. 61, I. O. O. F., and is still a member in good standing and was one of the organizers of Lincoln Lodge, No. 139, of Clinton.

He was united in marriage with Miss

Diana, daughter of John Brunt, of Somersetshire, England, and they became the parents of seven children: James, who died in infancy while crossing the Atlantic; Elizabeth, wife of C. M. Suber; Quincy, who died young; Isabella, wife of J. F. Grote; James B., who was drowned in the Mississippi river at Lyons, when nine years of age; Frances, who died at the age of sixteen months; and John Quincy, the subject of this sketch.

John Q. Jefferies was reared and educated in Lyons, and at an early age commenced learning the mason's trade with his father. At the age of twenty he became a partner in the business, and for nine years was engaged in contracting and building. In 1889 he was elected county superintendent of schools of Clinton county, which position he efficiently filled for over two years, and in October, 1893, embarked in the insurance and real estate business, which he has since carried on with excellent success, building up the largest business of the kind in the city. In 1899 he was appointed special agent for the Specific Fire Insurance Company of New York, his territory being Iowa, Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Although this takes him away from home much of the time, he still continues his business in Clinton.

Mr. Jefferies has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Florence Maynard, of Tipton, Iowa. She died August 7, 1897, at the age of thirty-two years, leaving four children: Fred J., who was drowned September 7, 1900, at the age of sixteen years; Lyle M.; Carl E.; and Diana R., who died eighteen months after her mother's death. In December, 1897, Mr. Jefferies was united in marriage with Miss Clara F. Sanborn, a native of Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin, and a daughter of David and Frances Sanborn.

By this union were born two children: Ruth W., deceased; and Frances Mabel. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Jefferies was a trained nurse, and was very successful in following that profession.

Socially Mr. Jefferies is quite popular, and is a prominent member of Emulation Lodge, No. 225, A. F. & A. M.; the DeMolay Consistory, No. 1, of Clinton; Lincoln Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F.; Herman Lodge, No. 44, K. P.; Robin Hood Camp, No. 31, M. W. A.; and Mystic Lodge, No. 98, M. W. of W. He has served as noble grand in the Odd Fellows lodge, and as district deputy grand master. In all his undertakings thus far Mr. Jefferies has prospered, his excellent success being but the logical result of his careful and correct business methods.

CHARLES A. ARLEN.

Charles A. Arlen, the well-known and popular county treasurer, was born in Clinton on the 25th of November, 1872, and is a son of Edward A. and Eliza A. (Fisher) Arlen. His paternal grandfather was Charles Arlen, who assumed that name on coming to this country, his real name being Conrad Auerle. He was born in Germany April 1, 1822, a son of Michael and Anna Marie (Heinrich) Auerle, and at the age of fifteen came to America. In 1865 he took up his residence in Clinton, Iowa, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade for three years, and then conducted a boarding house until 1871, when he embarked in the bottling business. In partnership with the father of our subject he carried on that business for many years and met with most excellent success. He was married in Buf-

falo, New York, to Magdalina Hornberger, a native of Alsace, Germany, and to them were born two sons and three daughters, namely: Frank W., of Oxford Junction, Iowa; Magdalina, wife of J. T. Stoessinger, of Eureka, California; Edward A., father of our subject, who was born in Wisconsin; and Margaret and Caroline, both deceased. Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the other being Carrie, deceased; Francis and Edith L., both at home; Edward F., who is employed in his father's office; Arthur H.; and Walter, deceased.

Edward A. Arlen spent his early life in his native state of Wisconsin, coming to Clinton county in his youth. Having learned the cigarmaker's trade, on coming to Clinton he first engaged in business as a cigar dealer. With his father, he later started the bottling business under the firm name of Arlen & Son. The business was commenced on a small scale, but grew rapidly. He was the active man in the business and had the charge of it. After the death of his father the firm was changed to Arlen & Ingwersen, and they are now the leading bottlers in this section of the country. He is the owner of a great deal of real estate in Clinton, and is one of the successful business men of the city. He has been an active politician, but never an aspirant for office.

During his boyhood and youth Charles A. Arlen was given good educational advantages. He attended the public and high schools of Clinton, and also St. Ambrose College at Davenport and the Clinton Business College. He gained his first knowledge of business methods with his father in the bottling works, and later learned the plumber's trade, at which he worked in Milwaukee for a time. He was also em-

ployed in a wholesale grocery store, and was a passenger brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway for six months. In 1892 he was appointed deputy county treasurer, in which capacity he served for four terms, and was elected county treasurer in 1899, assuming the duties of that office on the 1st of January, 1900. He has proved a most competent and trustworthy official and his public service has been most exemplary.

On the 22d of August, 1895, Mr. Arlen was united in marriage with Miss Annie M. Godsken, who was born in Lyons, and is a daughter of Senius and Barbara Godsken. Her father died in 1883, but her mother is still living and makes her home in Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Arlen have one child, Walter Edward. They have a pleasant home at 128 Seventh avenue, Clinton.

In his political affiliations Mr. Arlen is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in political affairs. In his social relations he is a member of America Lodge, No. 527, I. O. O. F.; Lafayette Lodge, No. 44, K. P.; and Lodge No. 199, B. P. O. E. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him, and is pre-eminently public-spirited and progressive. He is pleasant and genial in manner, and is very popular, having a most extensive circle of friends and acquaintances.



ACHILLES W. COOK, M. D.

For a half century the name of Cook has been associated with the medical practice in Wheatland and Clinton county, and is now worthily borne by Dr. A. W. Cook, a most successful representative of the

medical fraternity. He makes his home in Wheatland, where much of his life has been passed. He was born March 6, 1866, in Liberty township, Clinton county, upon the farm of his father, Dr. David S. Cook, long a prominent physician of the locality. Like most of the boys of the period, he began his education in the public schools and there mastered the branches of learning taught in such institutions. He afterward studied medicine under the preceptorship of his father and was also a student in the Keokuk Medical College, from which institution he was graduated on the 10th of March, 1891. He then began practice in Wheatland, where he has remained continuously since, and now has a large and lucrative patronage. He is the local surgeon for the Northwestern Railroad at Wheatland and belongs to the Iowa State Association of Railway Surgeons. The Doctor is a man well read, keeping in touch with the constant advance in the medical field both by extensive home reading and also having taken a post-graduate course at the Chicago Post-Graduate Medical College during the summer of 1901.

The Doctor was married in this city, February 14, 1887, to Miss Annie Tebbe, a daughter of John Tebbe, a retired farmer of Wheatland. She is a native of Clinton county and by her marriage she became the mother of four children, but Walter, Bessie and Leo have all departed this life. Howard, the only surviving child, is now an interesting little lad of seven years. The Doctor possesses the true, enterprising spirit of the west and this is manifest in his professional work. He is a student, his reading and researches continually adding to his knowledge and supplementing his ability to care for the professional duties entrusted to him. Fraternally the Doctor is

a member of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 184, A. F. & A. M., also Spring Rock Camp, No. 24, M. W. A.

THOMAS COSTELLO.

Canada has furnished to the United States many of her most enterprising and prosperous citizens—men who through their own unaided efforts have met with success in life. To this class belongs Thomas Costello, who is now successfully engaged in farming on section twenty-two, Bloomfield township. He was born in Canada on the 17th of December, 1846, a son of John and Margaret (Burnett) Costello, both of whom were natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, although they were married in Canada. The father was very young when he crossed the Atlantic, and while a resident of Canada followed farming and lumbering. In 1852 he came to Iowa by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago, and by teams to Savannah, Illinois. On reaching this state he located in Deep Creek valley, a mile from St. Mary's church, where he purchased four hundred and eighty acres of wild prairie and timber land. He was very particular about preserving the timber, but the remainder of the tract he placed under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the best farms in that locality. In those early days Indians often camped near his home while trading with the white men; deer and wild game of all kinds were plentiful; and wolves often annoyed the settlers by killing stock. The father died on the 2d of August, 1891, the mother on the 24th of February, 1901, and both were laid to rest in St. Mary's church yard.

In the family of this worthy couple were

ten children: Matt enlisted under Captain Merrill in the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of Arkansas Post. Anna, who died June 30, 1875, was the wife of Patrick Murphy, a resident of Waterloo, Black Hawk county, Iowa. Ellen, deceased, was the wife of William O'Grady, a farmer of Bloomfield township, Clinton county. Thomas, our subject, is next in order of birth. John married Annie Stewart, and was killed in a railway accident. His widow now resides near St. Mary's church, in Waterford township. Mary is the wife of Samuel O'Grady, of Sanborn, O'Brien county, Iowa. William married Mary McGinty, and lives southeast of St. Mary's church, in Waterford township, Clinton county. Michael, twin brother of William, wedded Maggie Lanagan, and is a retired farmer of Charlotte, this county. Margaret is the wife of William McGonegal, of Clinton.

During his boyhood Thomas Costello conned his lessons in an old log-school house until sixteen years of age, and then aided his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-four. He was married July 4, 1871, at St. Mary's church, by Rev. Father Scallion, to Miss Eliza Nutterville, who was also born in Canada, on Christmas day, 1849. Her father was born in the same county, in 1823, and at Richmond, Canada, was united in marriage with Bridget Brady, a native of Kavanagh, Ireland. Coming west in 1869, they located in Waterford township, Clinton county, Iowa, where they spent three years. The following year was passed in Harrison county, this state, the next in Crawford county, and at the end of that time they removed to Shelby county, where Mrs. Nutterville died in 1893. The same year the father re-

turned to Clinton county, and is now living retired with our subject, a hale and hearty old gentleman who possesses a splendid memory. He is a member of the Catholic church and a supporter of the Democratic party.

Mrs. Costello is the second in order of birth in a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Julia A. first married Martin Kelly, and after his death wedded Duncan Wilkey, and now lives in Ottawa, Canada. Catherine is the wife of Norman Hardy of Harrison county, Iowa. Thomas is a resident of the state of Washington. James married Margaret Cronnan, and lives in Butte City, Montana. Mary J. has been three times married, her first husband being William McCarty, her second William Canady, and her third Burt Collins, and she now lives in Idaho. Margaret is the wife of M. C. Drake, a conductor on the Santa Fe Railroad, and a resident of Atchison, Kansas. William J. wedded Marie Crawlman, and lives in Butte City, Montana. John died at the age of seven months. Lucy died at the age of eleven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Costello have seven children, namely: John, who resides on the homestead farm; Mary, wife of James McClemon, a farmer of Bloomfield township; Margaret, Matt, Thomas, Ellen and Lucy, all at home attending school.

After his marriage Mr. Costello rented a farm in Waterford township for three years, and then removed to Shelby county, where he spent four years. On his return to Clinton township, at the end of that time, he again lived in Waterford township for one year, and then commenced work for Monnehan Brothers, who were engaged in the agricultural implement business in Charlotte, remaining with them seven years. He

then purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections twenty-two and twenty-seven, Bloomfield township, which had been improved but was then badly run down. It is now in a thrifty condition, owing to his able management. Mr. Costello breeds a high grade of horses, cattle and hogs for market, and is one of the most successful agriculturists of his community. For four years he efficiently served as road supervisor in his township, but has never sought office. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and in religious faith is a Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's church, in Waterford township. He is a man of the highest respectability and commands the confidence of all who know him.

DAVID S. COOK, M. D.

With the history of probably more households in Clinton county than that of any other man is the name of Dr. David S. Cook, now deceased, linked, for through a half century he engaged in the practice of medicine through this portion of the state. Coming to Clinton county at an early period in its development he was through more than five decades one of the most prominent and successful medical practitioners of the locality and the loved family physician in hundreds of homes, where his generosity, his kindness and genial manner, as well as his professional skill, won him the confidence, respect and friendship of all. His death was widely and deeply mourned and his memory is cherished and revered by all who knew him.

Dr. Cook was a native of Batavia, Genesee county, New York, born February 20, 1825, his parents being Solomon and —

(Scott) Cook, the former a native of England and the latter of the highlands of Scotland. At the age of eight years, in company with his half-brother, Dr. Cook went to White Pigeon, Michigan, and three years later secured employment in the office of Dr. De La Mater, under whose direction he began the study of medicine when sixteen years of age. In 1848 he removed to Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he continued his reading until the following year, when he took up his abode in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, and began practice. In 1851 he became a resident of Jackson county, Iowa, and while engaged in the practice of medicine he also continued his studies in the Keokuk Medical College, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1855. The succeeding year Dr. Cook went to Kansas, but returned to Jackson county in 1858, and thence came to Wheatland, where he opened an office, practicing successfully here until 1868, when he took up his abode upon a farm in Liberty township. He enjoyed rural life for a few years, but in 1872 again became a resident of Wheatland, and with the exception of a few months spent in Baldwin in 1888, he made Wheatland his home until called to his final rest.

Such in brief is the history of his professional career, but this does not tell anything of the sacrifices which he made for his patients, of the broken hours of sleep, when he would leave his bed in order to minister to the needs of the suffering, of the long, hard rides across the country in the storms of winter and summer, of the hours spent in study of text books that he might better inform himself concerning a certain disease and its treatment. All these things were a part of his life and contrib-

uted to his success. His devotion to his profession, arising not only from an interest in the science but from a desire to benefit his fellow men, gained for him the regard of all, and made him very prosperous in his chosen calling.

On the 2d of February, 1863, Dr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Redden, and unto them were born three children: Dr. A. W. Cook, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Mrs. Edith Gaines, of St. Louis; and Emma, who died at the age of three years. By another marriage there was also a son, Dr. Frank Cook, a physician of Calamus. The subject of this review was an exemplary member of Zere-datha Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Wheatland, and improved the many opportunities which he had in his professional life for putting into practice the beneficent principles of the fraternity. He passed away March 7, 1901. He had been about his business the day before and the end came suddenly, but this was as he would liked to have had it, for it gave him opportunity to continue his useful and humanitarian labors up to the very last. Wheatland has never been more grieved than over the death of this honored man, who had for many years been identified with her interests, doing everything in his power for her welfare and progress. Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct, stainless in reputation, his was indeed a life worthy of emulation.

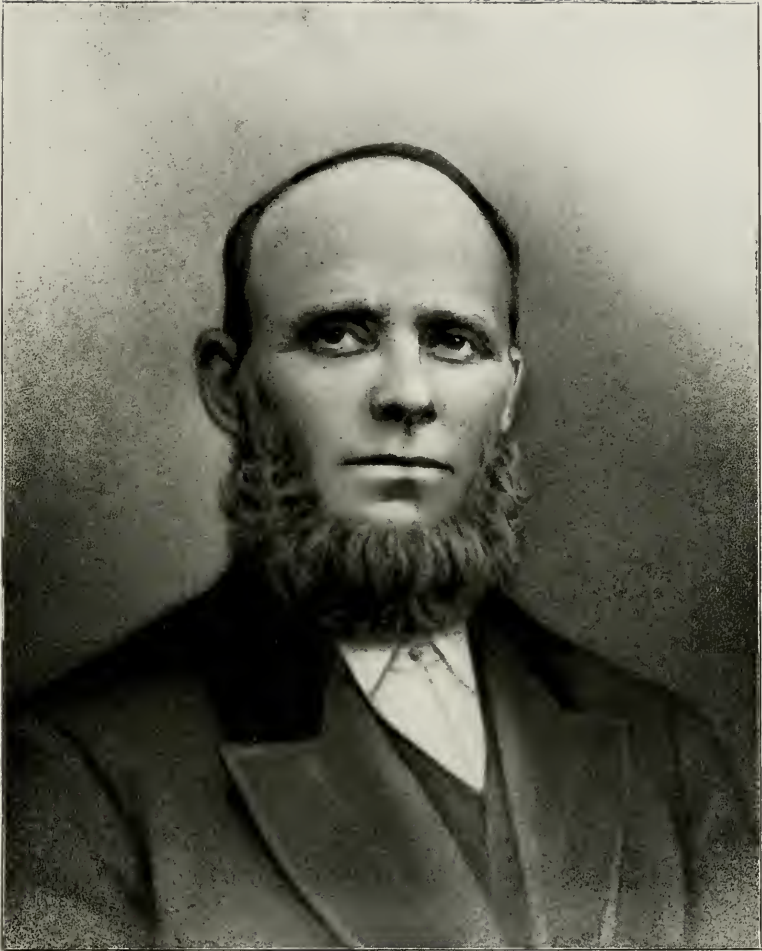
ROWLAND HILL.

Although young in years this gentleman is one of the most energetic and enterprising agriculturists of Brookfield township,

where he owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred acres, and is also successfully engaged in the breeding of horses. He was born in the township where he still resides, November 12, 1879, and is a son of John and Ruth (Farrell) Hill, natives of Canada and England, respectively. The father came with his parents to America and first settled in Illinois, and later settled in Brookfield township, this county, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits. He died in February, 1895, and his widow now resides in Mount Vernon, Iowa. This worthy couple had a family of six children: Ulysses, who married Lottie McMillen and resides in Sac county, Iowa; Theodore, who married Cora Jackson and lives in Liberty township, Clinton county; Rowland, our subject; Martha, wife of James Irwin, of Sac county; Earl, who was graduated in pharmacy and is now at home with his mother in Mount Vernon; and Pearl, also at home. The children were educated in the common schools of this county and the schools of Mount Vernon.

Rowland Hill passed his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and was married in January, 1895, to Miss Allie Waugh, of Brookfield township, a daughter of Edward F. and Lydia (Smith) Waugh, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. By this union have been born two children, namely: Hazel, born in August, 1897; and John Arthur, born in November, 1899.

After his father's death Mr. Hill took charge of the old homestead, and is now the owner of about two hundred acres, on which he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a hard work-



JOHN HILL.

ing, industrious young man, and the prosperity that has come to him is due entirely to his own unaided efforts. Fraternally he affiliates with the Brotherhood of the World at Lost Nation, and politically is identified with the Republican party, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He is widely known and very popular with his many friends and acquaintances.

CORNING E. GOODWIN.

Corning E. Goodwin, one of the oldest men in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, residing in Clinton, Iowa, was born in Littleton, Massachusetts, February 28, 1837, and is a son of Jonathan and Betsy (Litchfield) Goodwin, both representatives of very old New England families. His maternal grandparents lived to be about eighty years of age. The father was born in 1803, in Kennebec, Maine, of which state his father was also a native, but the former spent the greater part of his life in Littleton, Massachusetts, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-six years. By trade he was a blacksmith and an expert machinist. His wife died at the age of sixty-eight years. Thirteen children were born to them, but only two are now living: Corning E., the subject of this sketch; and Emeline A., wife of Morton Reed, of Lexington, Massachusetts. Only one of the children, besides our subject, came west. Two sons were soldiers of the Civil war.

Corning E. Goodwin spent the first seventeen years of his life upon a farm, and is

indebted to the country schools for his educational privileges. On leaving home he began his railroad career as brakeman on the Fitchburg Railway for two years, and then came west to Chicago and Bloomington, Illinois. For a year he was fireman on the Chicago & Mississippi Railroad, now the Chicago & Alton Railroad, and then returned to Chicago, where he worked in the yards of the union depot for five years. At the end of that time he went to Jackson, Tennessee, and after firing on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, he was given an engine, pulling construction, freight and passenger trains on that road for some time. While in the service of that company the road was completed to Corinth, and he ran a passenger train between Jackson and Columbus, Kentucky, until operations were abandoned on account of the war. He remained there until the evacuation of Corinth, and then walked back to Jackson, a distance of seventy-five miles. He was employed by General J. B. McPherson to run a train on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad for the accommodation of Union soldiers for seven months. While in the south he was engineer on the General Beauregard, and in that capacity steered his engine not only over that road, but over others which he had never seen before, this being called "wildcatting." He hauled rebels and Union men over the same road, and had many thrilling experiences during those troublesome times, and was very glad to get back to civilization again.

In 1862 Mr. Goodwin returned to Chicago, and entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad as conductor, but soon afterward became connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, running into Fulton, Illinois. After the completion of the bridge across the river, he moved his

family to Clinton, in 1868, and has since made this city his home. He has owned several pieces of property here, which he has improved, and since 1891 has resided at 734 Stockholm street. For many years his run was between Clinton and Chicago, and after two years spent in the freight service, he ran a passenger train for about twenty-three years, but since 1885 has had charge of the switch engine in the yards at Clinton. He is one of the oldest men in the service, and had he remained on the east end of the road, would be No. 1, but is No. 82 on the Iowa division. When he first went upon the road, it was known as the Galena & Chicago Union Railway, and there were only about fifty-six engines in use, while now there are over fifteen hundred. The old wood-burners were then in use, and he has taken considerable interest in the improvement of engines, as well as the many changes that have been made in every department of rail-roading. For one week he was on the Old Pioneer, exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago, in 1893, dredging ditches on the Freeport division.

At Chicago, March 4, 1858, Mr. Goodwin married Miss Hannah E. Putnam, who was born in Orfordville, New Hampshire, in 1840, and traces her ancestry back to a prominent old colonial family, being a descendant of John Putnam, who came from England in 1634 and settled at Danvers, Massachusetts. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and as an officer takes great interest in that society. She is also chief of the Ladies' Auxiliary, G. I. A., of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. At the age of four years she became a resident of Chicago, and was educated in the public schools of that city, and entered the first high school on the

first examination held for a high school in Chicago. She is a great reader, and is especially well posted on historical events. During the war she followed her husband all through his travels in the south. Her parents were Samuel and Lydia Putnam. By trade her father was a shoemaker, but after his removal to Chicago he was extensively engaged in the transfer business, running six wagons, and for twelve years was on the police force, and at the time they had the lager beer war he was captain of the day force. He died in that city when forty-six years of age, and his wife passed away at the home of our subject, in Clinton, at the age of seventy-seven. They had nine children, of whom five are living: John, a gateman for the Illinois Central Railroad, in South Chicago, was for many years a conductor on that road; Angelina, wife of B. L. Chamberlain, of Maywood, Illinois; Hannah E., wife of our subject; Harriet, wife of A. L. Raplee, of Colorado; Florence A., wife of George B. Nichols, of San Francisco.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin were born eight children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are as follows: Violet I., born in Jackson, Tennessee, is now the wife of George Chatterton, of Clinton. Estella is a teacher in the Clinton schools, and is the wife of Fred LePrevost, bookkeeper for Walsh Brothers, of Clinton. Frank W. is a brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and has traveled quite extensively. Lillian is a graduate of the public schools of Clinton, and for a time was private secretary to Henry Sabin, superintendent of public instruction, and was also employed in Haywood's bank, of Clinton, but is now attending college in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Grace L. is at home. John was a member

of the Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish-American war. He learned the machinist's trade in the shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, at Clinton, where he is now employed.

The family are members of the Congregational church, and Mrs. Goodwin takes a very active part in its work. Since 1873 our subject has been a member of Clinton Division, No. 125, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was its chief engineer for four years, and has filled other offices in the same. During his long residence in Clinton he has made a host of warm friends, and is held in the highest regard by all who know him.

FREEMAN CURRENT.

Freeman Current, who is recognized as one of the leading and prosperous farmers of Sharon township, has spent his entire life in that locality, and is a worthy representative of an old and honored family of Clinton county. He was born in Sharon township, November 9, 1858, and is a son of Elisha and Eliza (Clothier) Current, the former a native of Welland county, Canada, the latter of England. The father followed the trade of a carpenter and bridge builder in his native country until 1857, when he came to Iowa, and located on section 17, Sharon township, this county, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He died on the 19th of June, 1898, but his wife is still living and now resides in Lost Nation. The children born to them were as follows: Lafayette, a farmer of Morris county, Kansas; Freeman, our subject; Ella, wife of Frank Sanderson, a farmer of Sharon township, this county; Alpha, who died at the

age of four years; Sherman, a photographer of Maquoketa, Iowa; and Ida, who died at the age of twelve years.

Freeman Current is indebted to the common schools of his native township for his educational advantages. He has always lived on the old homestead farm, and has devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with excellent success. In connection with general farming he engages in stock raising quite extensively, making a specialty of red polled cattle, of which he has a fine herd upon his place. He now owns three hundred and twenty-five acres of fine farming land on sections 8 and 17, Sharon township.

In 1884 Mr. Current was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Martin, a native of Sharon township, and to them have been born seven children: Ethel, Leigh, Earl, Harold, Lawrence, Walter and Eleanor. Politically Mr. Current is identified with the Republican party, and socially is a member of the Mystic Tye Lodge, No. 402, K. P., of Baldwin, Iowa; and the Fraternal Brotherhood of the World, at Lost Nation. He has held several minor offices in his township, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, giving his support to all worthy enterprises for the public good. He stands high in the community where he has so long made his home, and those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends.

ANDREW H. BROWN.

Andrew H. Brown, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Delmar, Iowa, was born on the 6th of September, 1829,

in Chemung county, New York, four miles from the city of Elmira, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Hyde) Brown, who were also natives of that state. In 1855 the father brought his family to Iowa, traveling by train to Galena, Illinois, and from there to Jackson county, this state, by wagon. After spending one winter in Perry township, he removed to Clinton county, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land in Bloomfield township, now owned by Anton McCoy, which he broke and improved, and to its cultivation devoted his attention for some years. He died July 14, 1874, aged sixty-eight years, his wife, March 7, 1882, aged seventy-three, and both were buried in the Maquoketa cemetery. Of the thirteen children born to them, only five are now living: Andrew H., our subject; David, a farmer of Mitchell, South Dakota; George, a farmer of Arkansas; Amelia, wife of E. Streeter, of Momence, Illinois; and Emma, wife of Emmett Maynes, of Clinton.

The subject of this sketch acquired his education in the district schools of Chemung county, New York, and while there was engaged in the lumber business and also engaged in farming, and in 1855 came with his parents to Iowa. He remained with his father until after the Civil war broke out, when he joined the boys in blue, enlisting July 29, 1861, for three years, in Company A, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Dripps. With his regiment he took part in the battles of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, and Jackson, Mississippi, the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Lookout Mountain, and the various minor engagements. While on a foraging expedition in Arkansas, he was injured, and was in the Overton hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, and from there was

taken to a hospital in St. Louis. His term of enlistment having expired, he was honorably discharged at East Point, Georgia, September 24, 1864, and returned home. He lived with his father until the latter's death, and continued on the homestead for some time thereafter. Subsequently he spent two years in Maquoketa, and then came to Delmar, where he has since resided, owning a nice home at that place.

In 1857 Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Uptegraft, a native of Indiana, who died August 15, 1872, at the age of thirty-four years, and was buried in Maquoketa. The children born of this union were Mary, wife of John Kane, a resident of this county; Benjamin, a resident of Maquoketa; Julia, wife of James Goodrich, of Chicago; Albert, a resident of Delmar; and Alice, twin sister of Albert and wife of Fred Maynard, of Wisconsin.

Mr. Brown was again married September 30, 1874, his second union being with Miss Harriet A. Eddy, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Thomas and Castary (Mason) Eddy. The father, who was a native of Ireland, died August 10, 1886, at the age of seventy-one years, and the mother, who was a native of New York, departed this life May 6, 1881, at the age of fifty-six. Their children were William, a resident of Wisconsin; Harriet, wife of our subject; Eliza and Wilson, both residents of Wisconsin; Richard, of Michigan; Sarah and Mary, of Wisconsin. By his second marriage Mr. Brown has three children: Edward, who resides in Delmar. Oscie married Vona Marsh, a daughter of D. C. and Amanda (Sylvester) Marsh, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania, and are now living in Chicago. Oscie makes his home with our sub-

ject in Delmar. Castary is the wife of Charles Collister, of Bloomfield township, this county.

Politically Mr. Brown is a staunch Republican, and has taken quite an active interest in local politics. He served as constable from 1865 to 1901, with the exception of two years spent in Maquoketa, and also filled the office of marshal for fifteen years. His official duties were always most capably and satisfactorily discharged, and in times of peace, as well as in those of war, he has always been found ready to perform any duty devolving upon him as a citizen.

BENJAMIN F. MATTISON.

Among the public officials of Clinton county there is probably none more popular than B. F. Mattison, the efficient county recorder. He was born upon a rocky little farm in Scriba township, Oswego county, New York, March 25, 1844, and until his sixteenth year lived in sight of the blue water of Lake Ontario. Seeing the vessels pass and repass daily, he early formed the resolution to become a sailor, and in the spring of 1861, his father deeming him too young to enter the army, he shipped as an able seaman upon a grain schooner, but one trip satisfied him, and he left the lake.

Finding on his return home that a regiment was being organized for the front, Mr. Mattison wrote his father's consent and enlisted in Company D, in the Eighty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, September 14, 1861. Upon their arrival at Washington, D. C., the regiment was placed in General Casey's division, and at once was sent to the investment of Yorktown, Virginia, under General George B. McClellan. The

early evacuation of that place sent them with the van of that "grand army" in its "On to Richmond" march, and they received their first baptism of fire in the battle of Fair Oaks, although they had been under fire frequently, where the regiment lost many of its best men and officers. Later they took part in various battles and skirmishes in the historical "seven days' retreat" to Harrison's Landing, where General McClellan was relieved of the command. The regiment was next detailed to guard the works at Yorktown, and held that place, while the main party of the army went to the relief of Washington. When the expedition was formed to attack Charleston, South Carolina, they were sent to Hilton Head, that state, the rendezvous, and when the iron-clads made their assault on Fort Sumter, they lay on a transport outside the bar awaiting orders, which, when they came, sent the regiment to General Foster, at Newbern, North Carolina, where they spent the summer and fall of 1863, taking part in many raids and skirmishes. They were then ordered back to Virginia, and passed the winter on the outskirts of the Great Dismal Swamp of that state. After veteranizing in the spring of 1864, the regiment took the field for the final campaign, which ended in the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. But a skeleton of the old organization remained when they crept into the trenches before Petersburg. They were in the engagements of Violet Station (or Swift Creek), Drury's Bluff and Cold Harbor, and were in the assault on the works before Petersburg under "Baldy Smith," their beloved commander. This practically ended the fighting campaign by leading up to the assault on the strong works at Chapin's Farm, or Fort Harrison, which they cap-

tured and held against the repeated charges of the enemy.

On the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. Mattison was honorably discharged at Bermuda Hundred, September 14, 1864, on account of expiration of term service, and soon afterward came west and located at Clinton, Iowa, where he has resided most of the time since 1866. During all these years he has been in the employ of C. Lamb & Sons, the greater part of the time, and has been promoted from one position to another until he was made foreman of one of their sawmills, in which capacity he faithfully served the company for twenty years.

March 25, 1869, Mr. Mattison was united in marriage with Miss Helen C. Eaton, of Oswego, New York, and by this union was born one son, George E., who is now a practicing attorney of Mechanicsville, Iowa. Although Mr. Mattison's business duties have been arduous, he has always found time to write and work for any enterprise that he believed would advance the interests of the county and city of his adoption. On two different occasions his friends sent him to the city council to represent them as alderman at large, and in the fall of 1900 he was elected county recorder, which office he is now so creditably and satisfactorily filling. He is an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in this way keeps in constant touch with his old army comrades who are still able to respond to the roll call. He was one of the early members of N. B. Baker Post, No. 88, G. A. R. He was too busy to fill the minor offices of the post, but his comrades, wishing to honor him, elected him from the ranks, in 1898, to the office of commander of the post, an honor that is

seldom conferred. He has always been active in Republican councils, and has done much for the party. During the time he was serving as alderman, the charter for the new bridge was obtained, and the movement for paving the streets with brick was inaugurated, which has resulted in making Clinton one of the best paved cities in the west.

DR. E. C. McMEEL.

Close application and unceasing labor are the stepping stones to success in a professional career, and one of the truest examples of energy and perseverance is to be found in Dr. E. C. McMeel, who ranks as a leading physician and surgeon of Delmar, Iowa, having established a large practice in that city and in the surrounding country. He is a native of Delaware county, Iowa, his birth having occurred September 26, 1858. His parents, P. McMeel and Eliza Ann Carr, were both natives of Ireland, but crossed the briny deep to New York, where they remained for two years, the father working at his trade of blacksmith. In 1853 they removed to Delaware county, Iowa, and there he pursued his trade. He afterward bought a farm and lived on this until the death of his wife, which occurred September 9, 1888. She was buried at Delhi, Iowa. The father now resides with his son, Dr. E. C. McMeel.

Our subject was one of a family of eight children, namely: J. H., a druggist, in Lost Nation, Iowa, who married Mary Ales, and by whom he has three children; B. S., a clothing merchant in Mead, Kansas, who was married to Kate McElmeel, and resides there with his wife and six children; Dr. E.

C.; Thomas H., who married Sue Smith, by whom he had three children, resides in Coggon, Iowa; Patrick Henry, who died in infancy; Annie E., who resides in Lost Nation; John J., a railroad engineer, at Port Arthur, Texas. He hauled the relief train to the Galveston sufferers at the time of the flood; Dr. M. F., a resident of Lost Nation, who married Margaret McFadden, by whom he had four children, one of whom is living.

Dr. E. C. McMeel received his early education in the district schools of Delaware county, remaining there until 1876, when he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa. In 1879 he attended the Rush Medical College, and March 2, 1880, graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa. He then embarked upon his professional career, going to Britt, Iowa, where he practiced medicine nine months, and from thence he removed to Kinross, remaining there two years. Seeking a larger field for his work, he located in Des Moines, Iowa, and for three years successfully engaged in the practice of medicine, after which he went to southwestern Kansas for three years, and finally located permanently in Delmar, Iowa. He has been eminently successful in his profession, and now has one of the most extensive practices in the country. He is an ambitious and faithful worker, being deeply interested in public affairs and everything that affords a solution to that mystery which we call life. The cause of education has ever found in him a friend, and he now acts on the school board of Delmar. He is a member of the Iowa Association of Railroad Surgeons, holding the office of treasurer of that organization; is also a member of the Clinton County Medical Society; of the Iowa Medical Society.

He also holds the position of surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America; to the Modern Brotherhood of America, and to Lodge No. 88, Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Catholic church of Delmar, Iowa. In politics Dr. McMeel is a stalwart Democrat, and was elected alternate delegate to the Democratic state convention of the second congressional district.

On August 26, 1886, at Dodge City, Kansas, Dr. E. C. McMeel was united in marriage to Miss Fannie S. King, who was born in Des Moines, July 4, 1858, and was the daughter of Scott and Garrity (Scott) King. The mother now resides in Des Moines, the father having been killed in the war of the Rebellion. Dr. and Mrs. McMeel are the parents of two children, and are well-known in Delmar, enjoying the confidence and respect of all with whom they are associated.

WILLIAM W. A. HUNTINGTON.

William W. A. Huntington, who is serving for the third term as postmaster of Calamus, was born in Dutchess county, New York, on the 4th of May, 1837, his parents being on a visit in that county at the time of his birth. They resided in Sunderland, Franklin county, Massachusetts, whence they removed to Hartford, Connecticut, when our subject was a lad of six summers. In the fall of 1849 they went with their family to Rochester, New York, and William Huntington was employed as assistant clerk in Arnold's patent sash lock manufactory. In 1854 he came with his parents to Iowa, the family locating in Olive

township, Clinton county, where the father, Dr. Alonzo B. Huntington, engaged in the practice of medicine as a representative of the homeopathic school. His wife bore the maiden name of Lydia A. Mott. Both spent their last days in Calamus and were buried in the cemetery here.

Accompanying the family to the west, William W. A. Huntington engaged in farming in Olive township until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and in 1862 he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry, with which he served throughout the remainder of the war, receiving an honorable discharge at Columbus, Ohio, July 3, 1865. At the time he was on detached service as a druggist in the prison hospital at Camp Chase. He was with Generals Sherman and Grant during both sieges of Vicksburg, took part in the battles of Arkansas Post and Black River, and at the latter place suffered a severe attack of fever. While in the hospital he was ordered on garrison duty away from the regiment and sent to Washington, D. C. He was on the picket line there when General Early made his raid on the capital.

After his discharge Mr. Huntington returned to Calamus, and as his health would not permit of his following farming he turned his attention to commercial pursuits. He has engaged in the insurance business and has devoted considerable time and attention to the discharge of official duties. His war comrades have elected him major of the Eastern Iowa Veterans' Association and commander of the Clinton County Veterans' Association. He is also a member of the M. B. Howard Post, G. A. R., of De Witt, Iowa, and belongs to the Iowa Workmen's Association.

Mr. Huntington has been twice married. He first wedded Maggie Roth, and for his second wife chose Mrs. Sardina M. Arnold, who was a daughter of William Scott. The children of the first marriage were Alvin A. and Addie. The former, a farmer of Calamus, married Emma Hulitt, and has three children, Dollie May, Lou and Nellie. Addie is the widow of E. C. Briggs, who was a farmer of Calamus, and they had five children,—Austin P., Elmer C., Marion, Ella and Lucy, all born in Olive township. Ella May, the other child of the family, died in Calamus, at the age of thirteen years. Mr. Huntington has been a resident of Clinton county for almost a half century, has witnessed many changes and noted the progress and development as years have passed. He has ever been a true and loyal citizen, devoted to the welfare of the community, and his fidelity to duty in public office is above question. Mr. Huntington was first appointed postmaster under President Harrison, filling a full term. He was appointed by President McKinley during his first term, and is holding over for the second term, and has made an efficient and accommodating public official. Mr. Huntington is also proprietor of a nice general store, known as the Fair, having been engaged in mercantile business for about fifteen years. He built his place of business and has two places of residence, occupying an entire block.

CEPHAS B. ESTEY.

Cephas B. Estey, a well-to-do farmer of Delmar, Iowa, was born in the town of Peru, Clinton county, New York, on the

9th of March, 1827, and is a son of John D. and Charlotte (Lawrence) Estey. His paternal grandfather also bore the name of John, and was born in Connecticut of English ancestry. The father was a native of Massachusetts, and when quite young accompanied his parents on their removal to Crown Point, Essex county, New York, where they both died. When about twelve years of age John D. Estey was detailed to take charge of the horses at Plattsburg during the war of 1812, and take them to Crown Point. From that time until he attained his majority he was bound out to a farmer. A year later he was married at Bridgeport, Vermont, to Miss Charlotte Lawrence, who was born in Monkton, that state, and for a short time they made their home in Peru, New York, but in 1829 removed to Plattsburg, where the following two years were passed. They next made their home in Moores, Clinton county, New York, where in the midst of the timber the father cleared and improved a farm, his home being a log house. In the spring of 1855 he sold his property in the east and came to Iowa, locating at Maquoketa, Jackson county, where he continued to follow farming. He was born June 11, 1801, and died in October, 1872, his remains being interred in the Maquoketa cemetery by the side of his wife, who died in 1864, at the age of sixty-two.

This worthy couple were the parents of eight children, namely: (1) Sylvanus first married Margaret Sodon, and after her death wedded a Miss Wade; the first wife died in Clinton county, New York; he died March 12, 1901, at the age of seventy-five years. (2) Cephas B., our subject, is the second in order of birth. (3) Harriet married William Emmerson, who died in 1889, and she now lives in Denver, Colorado.

(4) Jonas M., who married Elizabeth Walters, enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, but soon after the battle of Young's Point he was taken ill, and later served as assistant surgeon in the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, and was guard at the rebel prison at Camp Douglas, Chicago, for a time. He died at Maquoketa, where his widow still resides. (5) Charlotte died at the age of twenty-two years. (6) Sarah died at the age of eighteen. (7) John W., who served three years in the Second Iowa Cavalry during the Civil war, is now a resident of Des Moines. He first married Mary Taft, and second Alice Atkins. (8) Caroline E., deceased, was the wife of James Walters.

During his boyhood Cephas B. Estey attended the common schools of his native state, and assisted his father on the farm and in the lumber woods. At Moores, New York, on the 3d of December, 1848, he was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Pulsifer, who was born in Essex county, that state, August 26, 1829, a daughter of Amos and Sarah (Ober) Pulsifer, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. In the Pulsifer family were the following children: Henry lived and died in Vermont, Leonard, who came to Iowa with our subject in 1854, wedded Mary Ann Eliott, resided in Maquoketa for a time and then moved to Lansing, Michigan, where both died, and are there buried, their two sons being residents of that city. Ansel married T. Nichols, and died at the home of our subject. Jane married George Tracher, and both died in Essex county, New York. Lucinda is the wife of our subject, and died April 26, 1901. Lorenzo married a Miss Van Wort, now deceased, and he lives in Essex county, New York; Lorinda,

deceased, was the wife of Philander Griggs. Philander died in Essex county, New York, at the age of twenty-two years. Lavina is the wife of Alonzo Dudley, of Jamaica, Iowa.

In the spring following his marriage Mr. Estey returned to Clinton county, New York, and purchased fifty-two acres of timber land near his father's farm, twenty acres of which he cleared and erected thereon a log house and barn. In the fall of 1854, with his brother-in-law and their respective families, Mr. Estey came west. With a horse and democrat wagon he drove to Ogdensburg, New York, while the others went on the cars. There they all embarked on a vessel and sailed to Lewiston, where they took the train for Buffalo, New York, with the exception of our subject, who drove again. From Buffalo they went by water to Toledo, Ohio, and on to Adrian, Michigan, and from there over the Michigan Southern Railroad to Chicago. There his family took a passenger train for Rock Island, while he went with his horse and wagon on a freight train to that city. Crossing the Mississippi river at Davenport, the women and children in the party proceeded by wagon to Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, while the men walked, arriving there on the night of September 12, 1854. There Mr. Estey spent eight years working at the carpenter's and stone mason's trades, and at other occupations by which he could earn a livelihood. At the end of that time he removed to Clinton county and rented a farm where the village of Delmar now stands, but at that time it was only a cornfield. This property belonged to a Mr. Williams, who was then in the army. After spending three years on that place Mr. Estey purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw land on section 14,

Bloomfield township, which he placed under cultivation, and to which he subsequently added another tract of one hundred and sixty acres. He has recently sold a part of this property, but still owns two hundred and thirty-four acres of well-improved land. He is now practically living retired in the village of Delmar, where he owns a nice home.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Estey were born eleven children, namely: Lurinda, born May 5, 1850, died April 12, 1863; Zada A., born June 15, 1852, died October 27, 1865; Mary A., born June 3, 1854, died July 27, 1855; Sarah E., born August 26, 1856, died March 26, 1863; Harry C., born February 12, 1859, died March 19, 1863; Louisa, born March 1, 1861, married David E. Howell, who died October 2, 1900; Loretta, born April 20, 1864, is the wife of B. W. Luce, of Woodbury, Iowa; Loren, twin brother of Loretta, married Mary A. Kinrade, who now lives with our subject, while he died November 24, 1890; Marshall, born March 21, 1866, was married February 15, 1888, to Rosa Doty, and died March 29, 1888; Willie S., born July 14, 1868, is at home with his father; and Minnie L., born June 12, 1874, is the wife of Thomas Kinrade, of Bloomfield township. The mother of these children died April 26, 1901, aged seventy-two years and eight months, after a happy married life of nearly fifty-two years and a half. Her remains were interred in the Delmar cemetery.

Mr. Estey is an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Delmar, to which his wife also belonged, and he has filled the offices of steward, trustee, class-leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school. The Republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles,

and he has served as village trustee and mayor for one year each. He is one of the representative men of his community—one who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

HON. WALTER I. HAYES.

Iowa has always been distinguished for the high rank of her bench and bar, and one of the most prominent representatives of the profession was Judge Walter Ingalls Hayes, of Clinton, who passed away on the 14th of March, 1901. He was born in Marshall, Michigan, December 9, 1841, a son of Dr. Andrew L. and Clarissa Selden (Hart) Hayes. The father was born in New Hampshire of Scotch-Irish ancestry, a scion of the New England Hayes family, his mother being a Sanborn, of Sanbornton, New Hampshire. He was reared and educated in his native state and fitted himself for the medical profession. He began practice at Marshall, Michigan, being one of the pioneers of that state, and he became prominently identified with its public affairs, taking special interest in military matters. He was a brigadier-general in the state militia, and was commonly known in Michigan as General Hayes. He took an active part in the Texas war, and at the opening of the Civil war assigned to raising troops for the service, but died in 1864, and on account of ill health he never entered the army. He was a member of the legislature that first sent General Cass to the United States senate, and continued in the practice of his profession throughout life. His wife

was born in Durham, New York, of English descent, and was a representative of a good old Puritan family of New England.

Judge Hayes' early life was pleasantly passed under good home influences, and his parents being well-to-do people, he was not forced to endure the hardships which have often fallen to the lot of great men. His education was obtained at the fine private schools of Marshall, and at the age of nineteen years commenced the study of law in the office of Hughes & Woolley, of Marshall, Michigan, the senior member of the firm being the late Hon. D. Darwin Hughes, who subsequently lived in Grand Rapids. Later the Judge was graduated at the law school in Ann Arbor, in the class of '63, and was admitted to the Michigan bar the same year. A year later he became a member of the firm of his late preceptors, which was then styled Hughes, Woolley & Hayes.

In 1866, being offered a desirable partnership with General N. B. Baker, ex-adjutant general of Iowa, he came to Clinton, and at once entered into active practice under the firm name of Baker & Hayes. This connection continued for two years, when General Baker moved to Des Moines, and the judge was alone in practice until 1872, when he formed a partnership with the late Hon. George B. Young, then circuit judge, which position he resigned in order to resume his law practice. They successfully engaged in practice under the firm style of Hayes & Young until August, 1875, when upon the recommendation of the bar of the seventh judicial district Mr. Hayes, although a Democrat, was appointed by Governor Carpenter to complete the unexpired term of Judge Brennan, resigned, and in October of that year was elected to the same position by the people without opposition. He served as judge until elected to congress

in 1886, although he only accepted the office at the request of the bar, as his income was much greater from his private practice than the emoluments of the office. He gained an enviable reputation for judicial learning and ability, for impartiality, fairness and close adherence to the principles of justice and equity, second to no other jurist in the state. He was also one of its ablest and most successful lawyers, and was always true to his clients' interests. While judge his decisions were sustained with remarkable uniformity, where appeals were taken. About the close of his judicial term the law firm of Hayes & Schuyler was formed and continued up to the time of his death. While in congress his partner carried on the business, but after leaving the legislative halls of the nation he devoted his entire time and attention to his practice in Clinton, which was quite extensive, both in the federal and state courts. As a trial lawyer he was eminently successful.

Soon after attaining his majority Judge Hayes began taking a very active and prominent part in public affairs, and served as United States commissioner for the eastern district of Michigan from 1864 until coming to Iowa in 1866. He was also elected city attorney of Marshall in 1865. In 1867 he was appointed United States commissioner for Iowa and held that office until elected district judge. He was city attorney of Clinton in 1869, 1870, 1871 and 1875, being elevated to the bench the last year. He had been the Democratic candidate for circuit judge of the seventh judicial district in 1868, but was defeated by Judge Young, who afterward became his law partner. In 1876 he was nominated by acclamation for supreme judge of the state. He was a delegate to the Democratic state convention of Michigan in 1864, and to

nearly every state convention of Iowa from 1868. In 1872 he was an alternate delegate to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore, which nominated Horace Greeley for the presidency, and when appointed judge he was serving as chairman of the Clinton county Democratic committee. He served on all of the committees of his party from county to state. In 1886 he was elected to congress from the second congressional district of Iowa, and filled that office for four consecutive terms until 1895, being the only Democratic member from the state for two terms, which made him a large amount of extra work. He was indefatigable in his labors not only to advance the interests of his immediate constituents, but the interests of the state and nation. In 1897 he was elected a member of the legislature, by which body he was appointed a member of the commission to revise the code of the state, the code now in use in the state.

Judge Hayes was married June 28, 1865, to Miss Frances L. Coan, a daughter of the late William F. Coan, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Although an invalid for some years, she always took a deep interest in her husband's aims and desires, and her keen intellect and generous education made her more than a wife, but also a companion, counsellor and true friend. She was his secretary while in congress and his helpmate at all times. She now resides at the Revere House, Clinton, and is a lady highly respected and esteemed by all who know her.

Added to Judge Hayes' earnest study of national, economic and other questions was his love of animal life and study of it. A great admirer of fine horses, he was never happier than when driving over the country roads behind a good team, with his wife

by his side and a high-bred dog along. He kept only thoroughbred horses and dogs, and as means permitted him he indulged this desire by gathering one of the best bunches of speed horses in the country, and establishing a farm that would have been recognized before many years as a speed producer.

The Judge died very suddenly at his old home in Marshall, Michigan, having been called there to attend the funeral of his uncle, the Hon. Charles T. Gorham, and his remains were brought back to Clinton for interment. From the address of Dr. J. K. Fowler on this sad occasion we quote the following:

"We are assembled this afternoon to pay the last tribute of respect to one of Clinton's honored citizens, a man of national reputation, a successful lawyer, an eminent jurist upon our district bench, and for eight years the laborious, efficient representative of this district in the national congress. There was a breezy, vivid virility about his mental operations that insensibly acted as a tonic upon his associates. If I were to characterize in the manner most satisfactory to myself the impressions made by Judge Hayes upon those with whom he came in contact, I would say that he seemed to clear the atmosphere of sham and humbug, and even if you had to differ from his views you left him with sense of a refreshed and invigorated intellectuality."

There were many other glowing tributes paid to his memory by those associated with him either in business, political or social life and by the press of Clinton and other places, for he was widely known and universally respected. Appropriate resolutions were also passed by the business men of Davenport, the Scott County Bar Association, the Clinton County Bar Association, and other

bodies. It was said of him that as a congressman his influence was sought by men from all sections of the country, and that he carried as much weight in the determination of important national measures as any member of either branch of congress. His great forte consisted in his persuasive and convincing power of presenting his arguments before committees. He was either quite fortunate in taking the right side of every public measure or he was exceedingly influential in making the side he was on the right side. He thought quickly and decided promptly all questions submitted to him, and was the same courteous gentleman on the bench, in the legislative hall and in the social circle. He attended every national Democratic convention but one after attaining his majority.



L. S. HARRINGTON.

L. S. Harrington, the present popular mayor of DeWitt, and one of its representative business men, was born in Otsego county, New York, March 18, 1836, and spent his early life upon a farm in that state. When seventeen years of age he went to Akron, New York, where he learned the carriage maker's trade, and later followed that occupation in Shernian, Chautauqua county, that state, for several years.

In 1861 Mr. Harrington was married, in Akron, to Miss Louise L. Hoag, a native of that place, and to them was born a daughter, Alta L., now the wife of R. L. Bourne, who is represented elsewhere in this work. In the spring of 1867, Mr. Harrington came to Iowa and joined some friends in Clinton county. He purchased a farm just north of DeWitt, and to its cultivation and improvement at once turned his atten-

tion, being successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising there for about twenty-four years. He also bought and shipped both cattle and horses to the eastern markets, and is still engaged in that business, although he sold his farm in 1888, and removed to DeWitt, where he owns good residence property. He has since bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres, one mile west of DeWitt, and oversees its operation in connection with his other business. He commenced life for himself in limited circumstances, but through his own labor and enterprise has acquired good property and enjoys a comfortable competence. He is a stockholder in both the First National and the Farmers' and Citizens' Banks, of DeWitt.

Politically Mr. Harrington is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and cast his first presidential ballot for Stephen A. Douglas, the Little Giant, in 1860, since which time he has never failed in his allegiance to that party, except when voting for Horace Greeley, in 1872. He has always been prominently identified with local politics; has served as a member of the school board for a quarter of a century. In 1888 he was elected supervisor and served in that capacity for six consecutive years, being president of the board for two years of that time. He was elected mayor of DeWitt, in 1900, and is now efficiently filling that office. He has been a delegate to numerous county conventions and also to state conventions, and in whatever position he has been called upon to fill he has won the commendation and good will of his fellow citizens by his faithful and conscientious service. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and is the present master of the blue lodge and high priest of the chapter, was a delegate to the grand lodge in

New York in 1865, and to the grand lodge in Iowa for a number of years. His wife holds membership with him in the Eastern Star Chapter of the same order. Mr. Harrington associated in establishing the Agricultural Society of the county and served as its first treasurer, which office he continued to fill for nearly twenty years. He is a man of considerable prominence, and is held in the highest regard by his fellow citizens.

JOHN COLEMAN.

Coming to Clinton in January, 1857, John Coleman has since been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company with the exception of one year, and is now foreman of the blacksmith shop. He is a native of Ohio, born in Shelby county, August 15, 1839, and is a son of Philip and Ellen (Dougherty) Coleman, both natives of the Emerald Isle. The father was a mere lad when he emigrated to America, and for some time made his home in Maryland, where he was married, the mother having come to the United States when a young girl. They lived in Ohio until 1839, when they removed to Chicago, and later to Elgin, Illinois, where the father purchased a farm. He was a stone-mason by trade, but also followed agricultural pursuits. His death occurred at Gilbert Station, Illinois, in 1844, and his wife subsequently made her home with our subject in Clinton, Iowa, where she died in 1884. She was born in 1798, and her husband in 1806. They had only two children, of whom our subject is the younger. Margaret, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, is the widow of Captain P. R. Healey, who had

command of Company I, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and was breveted major when mustered out of service. He was captured at the battle of Shiloh by the rebels and confined in Andersonville prison for about six months.

During his boyhood John Coleman attended the public schools of Elgin and the country schools of Gilbert Station, but his advantages along that line were rather limited. On leaving school, at the age of fifteen years, he entered the employ of the Fox River Railroad Company as an apprentice in the blacksmith shop at Elgin, and remained there until coming to Clinton. As a boy he fired for a few weeks on a wood burner between Elgin and Richmond.

Mr. Coleman completed his apprenticeship at Clinton, and has continually advanced through all the positions up to foreman of the blacksmith shop, in which capacity he has served since 1895, having under his supervision twenty-five men all the year round. He had previously served as assistant foreman from 1870. He possesses considerable inventive genius, and from scraps found about the shop, which were practically useless, he constructed an air hammer, which is now in use. As an inventor of the machine he has not only received recognition throughout the United States, but also in Germany. Mr. Coleman also invented what is known as the Coleman punch bar, which is in general use on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. At the age of eleven years he took his first ride on an engine, which was known as the Peggy, an old wooden frame machine, and from that time on he has watched with interest the many changes made not only in engines, but in all branches of railroading.

In 1863, at Chicago, Mr. Coleman married Miss Jane Coolahan, who died in Clin-

ton in 1876, leaving four children, namely: Philip, who is now chief clerk in the purchasing agent's office of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic, at Marquette, Michigan; Annie, wife of Frank Lynch, who is on the police force in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at Chicago; Ellen, wife of J. J. Cohan, a machinist for a street-car line in the same city; and William J., a clerk in the law department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at Chicago. Mr. Coleman was again married in 1881, his second union being with Miss Catherine J. Keeffe, a native of Ireland, and to them have been born two children: Thomas J., who is attending St. Mary's College in Kansas; and Mary, at home. The children have been principally educated in the Sisters' school at Clinton, and remained at home with their father until able to make their own way in the world. The family are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Coleman is an active worker and was first president of the Catholic Temperance Society, which was organized with a membership of fifty and now has one hundred and seventy on its roll. He has done much to build up the society; has served on its various committees; and held the office of president for ten years and was treasurer for the same length of time. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and although he has never sought office, he was elected to the city council in 1867 and served two years in that capacity. He was also elected to the state legislature, and was an active member of that body from 1886 to 1888, serving as chairman of the committee on labor. He introduced four bills, two of which became laws at the next session, one being against blacklisting men. He is a prominent member of the National Railroad Master Blacksmiths' Association,

in which he has served on various committees and is now a member of the committee on track tools. He is distinctively a man of affairs, and takes an active and commendable interest in public matters.

WILLIAM SLOAN.

The subject of this sketch is one of the oldest settlers of Clinton county and an honored citizen of Delmar. He was born in Pennsylvania on the 22d of October, 1823, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Akeman) Sloan, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father died in the Keystone state when our subject was quite small and the mother removed to Canada with her family when he was three years old. There the following nine years were passed, during which time he began his education in the public schools of the Dominion. The family lived one winter in Michigan after leaving Canada, and then removed to Illinois, where they spent two years, at the end of which time they came to Iowa.

In September, 1838, when fifteen years of age, Mr. Sloan crossed the Mississippi river and located in Lyons, Iowa. He made the journey on foot and alone, attended only by his faithful dog. He was first employed as a teamster by Elijah Buell, and also took care of stock and did general farm work for three years. About this time his brother John came to Lyons from Wisconsin, and being a wagon maker our subject learned that trade with him.

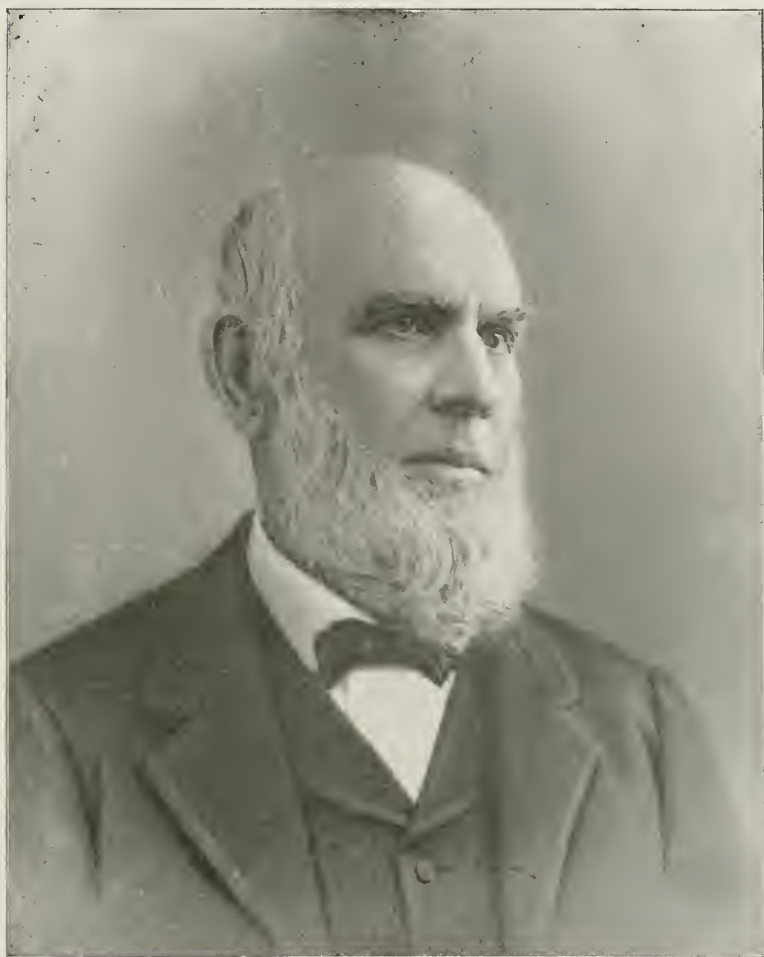
Mr. Sloan was married on the 1st of January, 1850, to Miss Jerusha Hadley, who was born in Ohio. He then purchased a quarter section of land at Almont, which was wild and unimproved, but he soon

placed it under cultivation. At the end of two years, he sold that place and bought another quarter section, four miles southwest of his first farm, but only resided thereon for one year, when he sold out and returned to Lyons, resuming work at his trade. In 1879 he removed to Boone, Iowa, where he followed farming five years, and at the end of that time we again find him in Lyons, where he was employed in the wagon works for a year. In 1885 he came to Delmar and opened a wagon shop, which he has since carried on with good success.

Mr. Sloan's first wife died March 14, 1860, and was laid to rest in the Miller cemetery between Lyons and Almont. He was again married, October 17, 1862, his second union being with Miss Minerva Hadley, a sister of his former wife. She is a native of Ohio.

There were five children born of the first marriage, but George, who is married and lives in Helena, Montana, and William are the only ones now living. Those deceased were Mary and two who died in infancy. The children by the second union were John, who married and is now a railroad conductor in Texas; two, who died when young; Essie, wife of Clark Davis, of Delmar; and Minnie Clara, a teacher of Delmar.

Politically Mr. Sloan is a supporter of the Republican party, and religiously is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Delmar. He is an Ancient Odd Fellow, and is one of the representative citizens of his community. Through the sixty-three years of his residence here he has become widely known, and his many excellent traits of character have gained him the high regard of many friends. On the rolls of Clinton's most honored pioneers his name should be found among the foremost.



WILLIAM SLOAN.

ABRAHAM SIDDLE.

The subject of this biography is one of Clinton's most esteemed citizens, and for many years he was prominently identified with her industrial interests, but is now living a retired life. He was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 23d of February, 1818, and in 1827 came to the United States with his parents, Abraham and Johanna (Woodhead) Siddle, who were also natives of Yorkshire. On reaching this country the family located in Poughkeepsie, New York, where for five years the father worked at his trade of cloth fuller, which occupation our subject's grandfather also followed. The family next removed to Titus Factory, four or five miles from Poughkeepsie, where the father made his home for several years, or until his retirement from active life, when he went to Simsbury, Connecticut. There his death occurred in 1860. The mother had died previously.

Mr. Siddle, of this review, is the only surviving member of a family of six children. He was educated in the subscription schools of his day in Dutchess county, New York, and when a small boy commenced working in a woolen mill, learning the trade of a wool-sorter. For thirteen years he had charge of the wool department of the Glenheim Woolen Mills of that county, doing their buying, the mill using about one thousand pounds per day. This necessitated his traveling as far west as Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, and was in Chicago buying wool in 1847, when old Fort Dearborn was still standing. At that time the nearest railroad was at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and it took four days to go from Chicago to New York.

In the fall of 1858 Mr. Siddle came west and settled on a farm in Center township, where he owned two hundred and forty acres

near Elvira, Clinton county, the following year, making it his home for seven years. In 1866 he removed to Clinton and became one of the promoters and original members of the Clinton Lumber Company, of which he was vice-president the greater part of the time in which he was interested in it. While connected with that enterprise in 1868 he became one of the proprietors of the Clinton Paper Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer for twenty-six years. On the formation of the company, A. P. Hosford and Mr. Siddle were the principal officers, the former being its president. It was incorporated with a paid-up capital of sixty thousand dollars. They built a mill having an output of four tons per day of rag and straw wrapping paper. The mill gave employment to about thirty people. In early life he also took a very active and prominent part in many local enterprises, but since March, 1894, he has lived a retired life, having practically laid aside all business cares to enjoy a well-earned rest.

In 1847 Mr. Siddle was united in marriage with Miss Isabella Kay, of Dutchess county, New York, who died a year and a half later, and in 1851 he wedded Miss Charlotte Schofield, of Glenham, Dutchess county, New York, by whom he had five children, namely: Mary, wife of Andrew Dunlap, of Massachusetts; George and Josie, both deceased; Sarah, wife of W. A. Brewster, of Dutchess county, New York; and Charlotte, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1866, and in December, 1867, Mr. Siddle was again married, his third union being with Mrs. Sarah (Santee) Potter, of Pennsylvania, and to them were born four children: William, a resident of Walnut, Illinois; Girtie, who died at the age of three years; Myrtle, who mar-

ried Herbert Fish, of Clinton, and lives with our subject; and Robert, an actor, of New York. By her first husband Mrs. Siddle had one son, Franklin Potter.

On attaining his majority Mr. Siddle became identified with the Whig party and cast his first presidential vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840. Four years later he supported Henry Clay. He was affiliated with the Republican party since its organization in 1856 and has never cast a vote for a Democratic candidate. He never misses either a presidential or local election and has always taken an active interest in political affairs. Mr. Siddle has always been a liberal supporter of churches, and has given his aid to all enterprises tending to the improvement of the community in which he lives. In his younger days he was a good singer and a member of the church choirs where he lived in the east. After a useful and honorable career he can well afford to lay aside all business cares and spend his remaining years in ease and quiet.

OTIS S. KNOWLTON.

Otis S. Knowlton is the oldest furniture dealer and undertaker in the county, and carries the largest and most complete stock, his store being thoroughly up-to-date. It is located at Nos. 215, 217 and 219 South Second street. Mr. Knowlton was born on the 12th of May, 1831, in Wilberham, Massachusetts, of which state his parents, Seth and Vilura (Sheppard) Knowlton, were also natives, the family being of good old New England stock. The first to come to America was our subject's great-grandfather, who was from Scotland and settled in Charlton, Massachusetts. The father came west in 1880, and died in Clinton in Janu-

ary, 1887, having long survived his wife, who died when our subject was only about twelve years old.

In his native state Otis S. Knowlton grew to manhood, and is indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. At the age of twenty he went to eastern Illinois, where he spent one year, and in 1852 removed to Fulton, that state, just across the river from Clinton, Iowa. Clinton at that time contained not more than eight or ten houses, all the cheap houses of a new community. Being a very ingenious man, he could turn his hand to almost anything, and met with success from the start in the furniture business, which he carried on in Fulton, Illinois, for some years. In 1865 he came to Clinton and opened a store on Fifth avenue, where he was for one year, and then at 607-9 South Second street, and was in business at that place until his removal to his present location about ten years ago. He built a fine two-story brick building in 1889 at his present location, 70x90 feet, all devoted to his business for furniture warerooms and undertaking rooms, having the best undertaking rooms in this section, and, having a large business, has attended a large number of funerals. He has built up a large retail trade, and does no manufacturing of any kind except trimming in the undertaking department. For some time he was in partnership with Joseph Glatts, who is now living retired, but for the past twelve years has been alone in business.

January 11, 1854, Mr. Knowlton was united in marriage with Miss Mary Miller, a native of the old Bay state, born at Tolland, Massachusetts, February 22, 1831, and daughter of Peter and Celeste (Bogue) Miller. Her father was a farmer at Tolland, and later at Easthampton, in the same state, where his death occurred, as also that

of his wife. Mrs. Knowlton lived in Massachusetts until her marriage, when she came west. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton have one son living, Arthur, who is now engaged in farming in Carroll county, Iowa. Mr. Knowlton has never taken any part in politics, although on national issues is usually Republican. In his social relations he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which he has been connected for five years. He is not only the leading furniture dealer of Clinton, but is one of its most prominent and influential business men and honored early settlers. He well remembers when a little orchard stood upon the site of his present store, and in the development and upbuilding of the city he has borne an important part. He is a life-long member of the Methodist church, as is also his wife. They live in a beautiful home at 738 Sixth avenue.

A. D. BURWELL.

A. D. Burwell, better known as Abe, is one of the well-to-do and progressive farmers of Sharon township, Clinton county, Iowa, where he first opened his eyes to the light of day, March 17, 1859. His parents, Jacob and Catherine (Snider) Burwell, were natives of Ashland county, Ohio. The father was born on the 22d of February, 1818, and continued to make his home in his native state until 1855, when he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled on the farm where our subject now resides. At that time a log cabin constituted the only improvement upon the place, but he erected good and substantial buildings and converted it into a most desirable farm. He continued the operation of his land until 1890, when he removed to Maquoketa, Jackson county,

Iowa, and lived retired until his death, which occurred February 17, 1901. He served as justice of the peace in Clinton county, and was always recognized as one of the leading citizens of his community. He was four times married, his first wife being Rachel A. Day, who died July 13, 1849, and to them were born four children: James H., now a resident of Washington; Elizabeth A., wife of Albert Green, of Olin, Iowa; William H., a resident of Boonsboro, Iowa; and Rachel L., who died August 13, 1849. On the 10th of July, 1851, the father married Catherine Snider, who died June 13, 1861, and by that union he had five children: John, a resident of Shelby county, Iowa; Sarah, deceased; Jane, wife of William Hopkins, of Palo Alto county, Iowa; Abe D., our subject; and Jacob Whitmore, a resident of Montana. For his third wife Mr. Burwell wedded Malissa Beers, who departed this life February 28, 1884. Unto them were also born five children, namely: Katie, deceased; Ella S., wife of Lafayette O'Kelly, of Colorado; Amy V., wife of Howard Clapp, of Palo Alto county, Iowa; one who died in infancy; and Hattie T., who passed away July 4, 1901, was the wife of Horace Conwell, of Cedar county, Iowa. The fourth wife was Mary C. Sheldon, who died October 14, 1898. There were no children by that union.

Abe D. Burwell passed his boyhood and youth upon the home farm and acquired his education in the district schools of Sharon township. On starting out in life for himself he was first engaged in farming in Sioux county, Iowa, for five years, and then removed to Jones county, locating on a farm near his present home, where he continued following agricultural pursuits for one year. From there he removed to Cedar county, where he resided three years. He then took

charge of the old homestead in Clinton county, and now owns one hundred and forty four acres of fine farming land on section 18, Sharon township, upon which he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

In 1890 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Burwell and Miss Mary E. Halley, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, September 19, 1869. Her father, John Halley, a farmer of that county, died when she was young. Mr. and Mrs. Burwell have five children: Alta, born March 3, 1891; Grace, born April 16, 1893; Andy, born March 26, 1895; Clara, born March 9, 1897; and Lillian B., born January 23, 1899. Mr. Burwell supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never cared for political preferment. In business affairs he is prompt, energetic and notably reliable, and he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

DAVID NEFF.

David Neff, one of the early settlers and highly respected citizens of Clinton county, now living in the village of Calamus, is a native of Switzerland, born December 30, 1829, a son of John Jacob and Anna (Muel-ler) Neff, both of whom were also natives of the land of the Alps, and came to America with their son David. The mother died in Scott county, Iowa, and the father in this county, passing away at the age of seventy-one years, while his wife died at the age of fifty.

David Neff was their only child who came to the United States, his brother dying in Switzerland. Reared and educated in that country, when twenty-three years of age David Neff came to the new world,

landing at New Orleans in 1853. He then made his way up the Mississippi river to Davenport, Iowa, and entered land in Scott county at a dollar and a quarter per acre. There he resided until the spring of 1867, when he removed with his family to Berlin township, Clinton county, and became identified with the agricultural interests of this portion of the state. He first engaged in the operation of one hundred acres of land, but now owns a valuable tract of three hundred acres. Nearly all of this was wild land when it came into his possession, but with determined energy he began to reclaim it for purposes of cultivation and soon transformed it into highly improved fields, yielding excellent harvests. He erected a large and substantial frame residence and other buildings and made a good home for himself and family. He followed general farming and stock raising with excellent success, and as the years passed added continually to his income until, having acquired a handsome competence, he retired from business life, and on the 18th of March, 1901, took up his abode in the village of Calamus, where he now makes his home.

Mr. Neff was married in 1859, to Miss Mary Katherine Weiss, a native of Germany, and unto them have been born eight children, six of whom are now living: John William, who owns and operates eighty acres of land in Berlin township, is married and has two sons, Howard and Bernard. Anna Catherine is the wife of George Reuber, of Olin township, and they have three children, Ruth, Ernest and Margaret Maria. David, who resides on the homestead farm in Berlin township and is extensively engaged in stock raising, married Agnes Keibler. Franklin is living with his brother David. Paul is at home. Martin is employed on the farm owned by his brother John. Those who have

passed away are David, who died in infancy; and Mary, who died at the age of three years and eight months. The two eldest children were born in Scott county, while the others are natives of Clinton county, and all were educated in the schools of the district in which they resided. Mrs. Neff has been to her husband a faithful companion and helpmate on the journey of life. She is a daughter of George Frederick and Mary Katherine (Barker) Weiss, who came to the United States in 1855. The mother died soon after her arrival. The father engaged in farming in Scott county, Iowa, for many years, and ultimately removed to Kansas, where he died at the age of eighty.

Mr. Neff has held the office of school director in Berlin township, and has taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare and progress. He belongs to the German Methodist Society. He has always been a hard-working man, energetic and determined, and he well deserves the prosperity which crowns his efforts. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to make America his home, for in this country he has found the opportunities he sought. Willing and anxious to work if labor could bring a just return, he was for many years a leading representative of farming interests, and is now living in honorable and well-deserved retirement.

CHARLES H. EAST.

Prominent among the representative railroad men of Clinton is Charles H. East, who has resided here since 1888, and has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company since the 1st of May, 1891. At present he is filling the responsible position of night yardmaster. He

is one of Clinton county's native sons, born February 21, 1865, and belongs to one of her pioneer families.

Henry East, father of our subject, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1837, and on his emigration to America in 1852 located in this county, where he and his father, Thomas East, improved a farm, having purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land near Elvira. In the family were four children, but of these Henry is the only one now living. The mother died in England. Throughout his active business life Henry East followed farming, but is now living a retired life in Clinton, where he was successfully engaged in the stock business until 1886. In Scott county, Iowa, he married Miss Jane A. Barmby, who was born in England in 1844, their wedding being celebrated in 1863. They have four children: Charles, our subject; Viola, wife of George W. Hewitt, an attorney of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Laura, wife of Frank C. Schmitz, of Brooklyn, New York; and Nettie, a teacher in the grammar schools of Clinton. They were all educated in the public schools of that city. Our subject and his father are now the only male representatives of the family in this county.

Charles H. East attended school in Low Moor, Iowa, and also took a business course at Valparaiso, Indiana, but had to leave school before graduating on account of his health. On his return home he engaged in the stock business with his father, and after the removal of the family to Clinton followed various occupations. For five years he was employed as clerk by Seaman, and in 1891 commenced work for the railroad company as checker in the yard office. In July, 1897, he was appointed night yardmaster, and is still creditably and acceptably filling that position, having under his super-

vision about thirty men for night work all the year round. He is well liked by those under him, and has the entire confidence of the company which he is so ably serving.

At Clinton, June 27, 1894, Mr. East was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Sinclair, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, and they have one child, Mary Todd, who was born October 7, 1896. In his social relations Mr. East is a member of Lincoln Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F., and in politics he is independent, voting for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines.

JOHN D. HULLINGER, M. D.

Prominent among the professional men of Clinton, Iowa, is this well-known physician and surgeon, who is a native of this county, born on a farm near DeWitt, December 7, 1860, and is a son of William and Sarah (McDougall) Hullinger, and grandson of John and Olivia (Coe) Hullinger. The family name was originally spelled Hollinger, and was changed by the grandfather of our subject. The first to come to America was Joseph Hollinger, a native of Switzerland, who crossed the Atlantic in 1710, and settled in Pennsylvania. He was the father of twelve sons and seven daughters, including three pair of twins, and the family has become very prominent in that state.

John Hullinger, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, and at an early day removed to Ohio. In 1832 he again started westward, and with ox teams removed to La Salle county, Illinois, locating at Vermilionville, where he died of cholera the same year at the age of forty-

four. His wife departed this life in 1836, at the age of forty-nine years. They were the parents of the following named children: John D., Martin H., Harvey C., William S., Maria, Barbara and Caroline.

William S. Hullinger, the father of our subject, was born in Champaign county Ohio, on the 25th of September, 1829, and being left an orphan at an early age, he was reared by Mr. Coke on a farm in Illinois. He married Miss Sarah McDougall, a native of Syracuse, New York, and a daughter of John and Elvira (Uran) McDougall. Her father was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, while her mother was born in Quebec, Canada, and was descended from the royal family of France. The latter lived to the extreme old age of one hundred and seven years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hullinger were born seven children, namely: William E., an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, residing in Clinton, who wedded Mary Dague, and has one son, William E., Jr.; Sarah E., wife of John R. Anderson, of Clinton, has one son, James William; Millie A., wife of Charles S. Hullinger, of the same place, has one daughter, Ealeanor E.; John D., the subject of this sketch; James C., a dentist of Clinton, who died in 1894; Ida C., wife of Ira W. Hullinger, of Clinton, has one son, Cecil W.; and Olive Belle, a teacher of DeWitt. The father came to this country in 1852 by team, and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres at one dollar and a quarter per acre. He owned a fine violin, made in 1711, and handed down by his ancestors, and with it he earned money to pay for eighty acres of his land, playing principally for dances. He was one of the best violinists of his day in this part of the country, and his services were sought far and near. His first home

in this county was a small log cabin, which in later years was replaced by a fine residence. On starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances, but met with success in his farming operations and became quite well-to-do, owning two large farms and two smaller ones in this county, besides some good property in DeWitt, where he and his wife are now living. He removed to that place in 1888 and has since lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. He is public-spirited and progressive, but has never been an office seeker, although he has held several minor positions in his township.

Dr. Hullinger grew to manhood on the home farm, and became thoroughly familiar with every detail of farm work. He completed his literary education at the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, where he was graduated in 1889. He had previously taught school during the winter while attending the Normal at Dixon during the summer, and for lack of means to continue his medical studies he resumed teaching, following that profession from 1886 until 1890. He was principal of the schools at Onslow, Iowa, in 1890, and while there he was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Holmes, a primary teacher and the youngest daughter of Robert Holmes, of that place. They have one child, Nellie Gertrude, born June 7, 1891. Carrie Holmes was born at Maquoketa, Iowa, on a farm, January 28, 1863. Her father spent five years in the English army, became a Philadelphia merchant and later proprietor of a store at Freeport, Illinois. Mrs. Hullinger is a college-bred lady, having been educated at Cornell College, Mount Vernon and Epworth, Iowa, Seminary, graduating in the scientific course of last named college in 1884. She was a

successful teacher in Jones county, Iowa, schools for eight years, two of which were spent teaching in the city schools at Anamosa and one in Onslow village school.

By teaching school and music Dr. Hullinger made enough money to complete his medical studies and was graduated from the medical department of the State University of Iowa in 1893, with the degree of M. D. His brother James also educated himself by teaching, but overwork broke down his health and he died at the early age of twenty-nine. While teaching the Doctor made a specialty of writing and became one of the finest masters of the Spencerian hand, while he is still an excellent penman. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Chancy, which was then a suburb of Clinton, but is now a part of the city, and it was not long before his skill and ability were recognized and gained for him a large and lucrative practice. He is a close and thorough student, as well as a progressive physician, who keeps abreast with the latest discoveries and theories known to the science. Outside of his general practice he gives special attention to obstetrics. He is examining physician for sixteen insurance companies and a large number of fraternal orders, including the following: The Prudential and the Registered Life Insurance Companies, the Mystic Workers of the World, the Modern Brotherhood of America, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Knights and Ladies of Golden Precept. He is a member and secretary of the Board of United States Pension Examiners, ex-secretary of the Clinton County Medical Society and a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M., while both he and his wife

belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. At one time he was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Doctor was a member of the Republican county central committee for seven years, and takes an active interest in public affairs. As a physician he ranks among the best in the city, and as a citizen is quite popular and influential. Since 1897 he has had an office in the Toll block, and in 1892 erected a fine residence at 1101 Camanche avenue, and in 1900 remodeled it into a thirteen-room residence, where he also has a fine residence office, supplied with all modern appliances known to his profession.

In 1884 the Doctor took up the study of instrumental music and has received a diploma from a Society Musical Course at Dixon, Illinois, in 1888. Since taking up music he has organized and taught nine different bands. At Iowa City, while attending medical college, he organized and instructed the F. M. B. A. band, composed of eighteen members, and also taught a ladies' band of twelve members. He was also one of the organizers of the DeWitt band; organized the Onslow band and German cornet band at Bryant. He also helped to organize the Camanche Avenue band, of Clinton, but owing to his professional duties is not an active member.

Dr. and Mrs. Hullinger are both active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the Doctor is a member of the official board of stewards.

EDWIN B. FISH.

Among the most energetic, enterprising and progressive business men of Clinton is Edwin B. Fish, whose creditable business record places him foremost among those

whose active lives have contributed to commercial activity and general prosperity as well as their individual successes. He was born in Cayuga county, New York, February 20, 1840, a son of Ira and Sarah A. (Bull) Fish, the former of Welsh lineage, while the latter was of English descent. The father followed farming as a life work, and in 1846 removed with his family to Wisconsin, where he located upon a tract of land which he made his place of abode until called to the home beyond. His wife, who is also deceased, passed away at her home in Racine, Wisconsin. They were the parents of seven children, one of whom died in childhood, while six reached mature years, namely: Titus G., who died in Clinton in December, 1899; Abner C., who was a prominent attorney of Chicago, and died in December, 1899; Eliza, who is the widow of Daniel Strunk, and resides in Riverside, California; E. B., of this review; Phoebe, wife of A. H. Harris, of Racine, Wisconsin; and Amanda, who became the wife of A. H. Kellogg, and died in Racine in March, 1901. The children were educated in the public schools of Racine, and A. C. pursued a college course. In early life the father was a Whig, and afterward became a supporter of the Republican party. He was a well-educated man, and was prominent in early pioneer days in Wisconsin. Both he and his wife were members of the Universalist church, and were people of the highest respectability, winning friends among all with whom they came in contact.

Edwin B. Fish pursued his early education in the public schools and later attended the Edgerton Academy, at Edgerton, Wisconsin, and the Evansville Academy, at Evansville, the same state. When the Civil war broke out he responded to the presi-



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dent's call for aid, enlisting in the Twelfth Wisconsin Battery of Light Artillery, in August, 1862. He served until May 1, 1865, and took part in the battle of Corinth, in October, 1862, in the siege of Vicksburg and the engagements of Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge and Allatoona. He was also with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea, which proved the weakness of the defenses of the Confederacy, was in the siege of Atlanta and the battle of Goldsboro. He was fortunate that he was never wounded, although he saw some hard service and had a number of very narrow escapes. He suffered an attack of typhoid fever, however. Whenever health and strength permitted he was found in the midst of action, bravely defending the stars and stripes, the emblem of the Union.

After the war was over Mr. Fish went to Racine, Wisconsin, and began to work with his brother, who in 1862 had established a wagon manufactory. A partnership was later formed between them. They began operations on a small scale, but increased their facilities as their business demanded and enlarged their force of workmen. Their output at first was small, but as the years went by their shipments constantly grew and success attended the venture. They remained at Racine until 1890, when they went to Superior, Wisconsin, and built up an extensive plant. The partnership was continued until the death of Mr. Fish's brother, and throughout their business connection our subject was superintendent of the manufacturing department. In September, 1895, the business was removed to Clinton, and the Fish Brothers Manufacturing Company was incorporated with F. G. Fish as president, W. J. Young, Jr., vice-president, W. P. Murray, secretary and treasurer, and E. B. Fish, superin-

tendent. The plant was formerly occupied by A. B. Spies & Son, a manufacturing enterprise. The present company manufactures farm wagons, and its business has reached mammoth proportions. The main building is five hundred and fifty by one hundred and fifty feet, and in addition there are numerous warerooms, dry kilns and sheds. The plant is now located in Manufacturers' addition to the city, employment is furnished to one hundred and twenty-five skilled workmen, and the output is twelve thousand wagons annually. The increase in the business is shown by the fact that the output has doubled in the last five years, and also in the increase in the number of workmen from eighty to one hundred and twenty-five. This indicates in unmistakable manner the splendid workmanship and the correct and reliable business methods of the house, which in trade circles sustains an unassailable reputation. The present officers are A. R. Olney, president; G. M. Curtis, vice-president; P. F. Fish, secretary; C. I. Benford, assistant secretary; E. B. Fish, Jr., treasurer; and E. B. Fish, Sr., superintendent.

On the 15th of October, 1867, in Racine, Wisconsin, Mr. Fish wedded Miss Mary L. Lockwood, who was born in that city May 30, 1847, and died in Clinton April 26, 1897. They had three children. Louise E., born July 28, 1868, is the wife of S. G. Gould, who is engaged in the dry-goods business in New York, and unto them have been born three sons, Edwin F., Stephen G. and William F.; Elbert B., born July 21, 1872, resides in Clinton and is treasurer of the Fish Brothers Manufacturing Company; and Alice A., born March 19, 1874, is the wife of Harry Gabriel, president of the Anderson & Winter Manufacturing Company, of Clinton. The chil-

dren are all either graduates of the schools of Racine or Superior, Wisconsin. On the 17th of April, 1901, Mr. Fish, the father, was again married, his second union being with Laura Lillian Moses, who was born in New York in 1857, and was educated in this city. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moses, were well-known residents of this city, where the father engaged in the book business. He died while attending church, in 1898, when well advanced in years.

In his political views Mr. Fish is a stalwart Republican, and is deeply interested in the growth and success of his party. He served as a member of the city council while residing in Racine, and was a delegate to state conventions, but since coming to Iowa has left party work to others. Prominent in the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of Racine, and to the consistory of Milwaukee. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias of Racine, and to the lodge and encampment of the Odd Fellows society of the same city. There he also became a member of Governor Harvey Post, No. 17, G. A. R., and in all these organizations he enjoys the highest esteem of his brethren by reason of his fidelity to the underlying principles which form their foundation. In Racine he was a member of the Universalist church, and took an active part in the work of the Sunday-school. He is always courteous, kind and affable, and those who know him personally have for him warm regard. He is a self-educated and self-made man, and is one of the oldest wagonmakers in the country, engaged continuously in business through almost forty years. A man of great natural ability, his success in business was uniform and rapid. He persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose, and gained the most satisfactory

reward. His life was exemplary in all respects, and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

PEARL DEAN.

The subject of this review is a young and successful farmer residing on sections 8 and 9, Sharon township, where he has spent his entire life, his birth having occurred on his present farm September 23, 1867. His parents, Alvin and Malissa (Allen) Dean, were both natives of New York state, and on coming to Clinton county, Iowa, located on the farm which our subject now owns and occupies. Here the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1895, when he and his wife removed to Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa. Having laid aside all business cares, he is now living in ease and quiet, enjoying the fruits of former toil. In the family were three children: Dora, deceased; Pearl, our subject; and Violet, wife of George Calkins, a carpenter of Maquoketa.

The early education of our subject was somewhat limited, as he commenced work on the farm when quite young, and has since devoted his time and energies to its operation. Prosperity has attended his well-directed efforts in life, and he is now carrying on the old home farm of one hundred and sixty acres of well-improved and highly cultivated land on sections 8 and 9, Sharon township. He gives considerable attention to stock raising, which he finds quite profitable.

Mr. Dean married Miss Bertha Bradley, of Jackson county, Iowa, and to them have been born three children: Lynn, Bernice

and Vivian. Socially Mr. Dean is a member of the Fraternal Brotherhood, of Baldwin, Iowa. In politics he is independent, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office regardless of party lines.

H. WILLIAM MEGGERS.

H. W. Meggers, who is spending the closing years of a useful and well-spent life free from business cares at his pleasant home in Clinton, Iowa, was born in Holstein, Germany, October 20, 1841, and received his early education in a gymnasium of his native land. In 1868 he came to the United States on the Saxony, and on landing in New York proceeded at once to Clinton, Iowa, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Meggers was first engaged in sorting lumber for Ira Stockwell, and in 1874 entered the employ of Wadleigh, Wells & Company, as foreman of their lumber yard. Later the firm was changed to Gardner, Batchelder & Wells, and he remained with them as foreman until January 1, 1894, never losing any time during the entire twenty years, his pay going on if he was not able to be at the mills. He was then appointed bailiff of the district court, and filled that position until there was a change of administration. In 1899 he entered the employ of the W. T. Joyce Lumber Company as car-foreman, which position he held until September, 3, 1900, when he retired from active labor. For several years he has been considerably interested in buying and selling real estate, and on the street where he now lives has erected and sold three good residences, and sold other property, still owning a good home. He has also been

interested in business property, and is one of the successful men of Clinton.

April 21, 1865, Mr. Meggers married Miss Louise Seavis before leaving Germany, she being a native of that country. Unto them were born the following children: Frederick, who was in the employ of Gardner, Batchelder & Wells for about twelve years, and is now manager of the W. T. Joyce lumber yards at Galva, Iowa; Henry, who died in childhood before the family left Germany; Herman, a barber, of Clinton, Iowa; William, who works as a buffer in the lock factory in Lyons; and Emma, deceased.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Meggers a staunch supporter of its principles, but at local elections he votes independent of party lines. He was elected alderman, and acceptably filled that office for nearly four years. In 1881 he joined the Masons, and has since risen to the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is highly esteemed by his fraternal brethren in both orders, as well as by the citizens of Clinton in general. In 1894 he visited his native land, sailing from New York to Southampton, England, on the City of Paris, then by rail to London and by steamer to Hamburg. Shortly afterward he arrived at Bussum, the town of his birth and the home of his father, who was then living. He was born in 1816 and died in 1895, while the mother was born in 1818 and died in 1893. On leaving Bussum our subject went to the seacoast by way of Wesselburen, and from there to Heide, where he remained until the 7th of August, when he returned to Hamburg and spent three days in that city. On the 16th of August he left Hamburg and returned to the United States by the same route as he had gone to Germany,

being a passenger this time, however, on the City of New York, having a most enjoyable trip.

A. W. KENDALL.

Among the citizens of Bloomfield township who devote their time and energies to agricultural pursuits and are meeting with well deserved success in their labors is A. W. Kendall, who was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, on the 3d of May, 1857. His father, Richard Kendall, was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and was married in Maquoketa, to Miss Mary Francis Bowman, a native of Virginia. As a contractor and builder he was engaged in business in Maquoketa for six years, and then removed four miles east of that place, where he opened a stone quarry and conducted it until his death, which occurred May 22, 1890. In his political views he was a Democrat and in religious faith an Episcopalian. His wife died on the 8th of October, 1896, and was laid to rest by his side in the Maquoketa cemetery. They were the parents of five children, of whom our subject is the oldest. The others are as follows: Addie is the wife of J. H. Kehn, a farmer of Bloomfield township, Clinton county. Sarah is the wife of S. A. Newman, of Page county, Iowa. William married Laura Thompson, and is a carpenter and contractor of Chicago. He is also a professional musician. Mary is the wife of Richard Hodges, of Jackson county, Iowa.

A. W. Kendall received his education in the district schools of his native township, which he attended until twenty-one years of age, and worked with his father in the stone quarry until his marriage, which was cele-

brated in Bloomfield township, this county, January 25, 1882, Miss Anna Kehn becoming his wife. She was born in that township, July 3, 1861, and is the daughter of Adam and Mary (Echard) Kehn, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Ohio, where they were married. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, brought his family to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1853, and purchased a farm of forty acres in Bloomfield township, to which he added until he had three hundred and twenty acres. Since 1882 he has lived a retired life in Delmar, enjoying the fruits of former labor. In politics he is a Republican. His wife died December 19, 1894, and her remains were interred in the Union church cemetery. In the family were eight children, namely: Peter, who died at the age of fourteen years; Mary Ellen, who died at the age of four; Elizabeth, wife of William Lockard, of Delmar; Jacob H., who married Addie E. Kendall, a sister of our subject, and resides on a farm in Bloomfield township; Anna, wife of our subject; Emma, wife of William Donley, of Delmar; George, who married Loretta Kelley, and lives in Greene county, Iowa; and Minnie, who died at the age of thirty-two years.

Mr and Mrs. Kendall have ten children: Howard W., born November 21, 1882; Ernest H., May 30, 1884; Hattie V., November 25, 1885; Blanch M., January 24, 1888; Ethel F., March 6, 1890; Richard R., September 5, 1892; Hazel L., November 15, 1893; Floyd C., January, 1, 1896; Sylvia, M., February 22, 1898; and Albert D., January 29, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall began their domestic life on the Kehn homestead. His first purchase of land consisted of eighty acres, to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have permit-

ted, until he now has two hundred and forty acres on section ten, Bloomfield township, which is improved with good buildings and under a high state of cultivation. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Chester White hogs, and also Hereford cattle and Norman horses, and is regarded as one of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers of his community. That his fellow citizens place in him the utmost confidence is manifest by his being called upon to administer several estates. He attends the Methodist church, and exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party and its principles. He has always faithfully discharged any duty devolving upon him.

JEROME F. KINGSBURY.

There is probably no railroad man in Clinton who takes a more active or prominent part in political and fraternal affairs than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born on the 4th of July, 1852, in Stittsville, Oneida county, New York, and is a son of William W. and Lucina C. (Church) Kingsbury, the former born in 1826, the latter in 1824. The father received a good practical education in a log school-house, so common during his boyhood, and in early life followed the harness maker's trade, but is now engaged in mercantile business in Sycamore, Illinois, where he has made his home since 1875. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and in religious belief is a Universalist, to which church his wife also belongs. They have two sons; Jerome F., our subject, and William C., a resident of New York. The family circle has never been broken by the hand

of death, and the parents still enjoy good health.

Jerome F. Kingsbury obtained his education in the schools of Rome, New York, which he attended until eighteen years of age. He accompanied his parents on their removed to Illinois, and was engaged in farming in that state for two years. He began railroading at Sycamore in 1871, as a brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway from Chicago to Clinton, at which time the latter place was quite small, there being no business houses on Fourth street. After two years spent upon the road he accepted a position as night check clerk under J. D. Perkins, and later was out of the service for twelve years, during which time he followed his trade of a painter for a few years, and then was manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, first at Streator, Illinois, and later at Clinton, Iowa, removing to the later place in 1886. The following year he again entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and after serving as fireman until 1895 was promoted to engineer. He was off duty two years on account of an injury received in the service, but in 1897 went back on the road, and has since been engineer on freight trains running from Clinton to Boone, and from Clinton to Chicago. On first coming to Clinton he purchased a residence, and in 1899 bought his present comfortable home on Camanche avenue, which he has greatly improved.

At Sycamore, Illinois, Mr. Kingsbury was married, November 1, 1876, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma C. Taylor, who was born, reared and educated at that place. They have one son, Lewis J., who was also born in Sycamore, in 1877, and is a graduate of the grammar school of Clinton. He has been engaged in the drug

business, but is now in the employ of Olney & McDaid, wholesale druggists.

In 1875 Mr. Kingsbury joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has taken all the degrees. He is now a prominent member of the America Lodge of Clinton. He was initiated into the Knights of Pythias fraternity at Streator, Illinois, in 1884, and two years later became one of the charter members of the Hart Company, Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, at Clinton, and was the first one to fill the office of second lieutenant. He has since served as first lieutenant and captain; was elected major of the Fifth Regiment of Iowa at Marion in 1892; colonel at Muscatine the following year; and re-elected to the latter office at Clinton in 1897. He is one of the most prominent and influential members of the order in this state, and takes a very active part in its work, serving as delegate commander to the state encampment, and also attending the national encampments. Mr. Kingsbury was formerly a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and is now connected with Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., while his wife belongs to the Grand International Auxiliary, an auxiliary of that order. In 1897 he was a representative to the Firemen's legislative body, which met at Des Moines for the purpose of securing a legislative committee to act in connection with a like committee from the Brotherhood of Engineers, Conductors and Brakeman, to look after their interests during the special session of the legislature, called to revise the code of Iowa. He was elected chairman of said committee and remained in Des Moines during the entire session, taking part in the great Temple amendment controversy, an amendment affecting railroad men relative to insurance. At the special session

the amendment was lost, but being again taken up at the next regular session, was carried.

As a Republican, Mr. Kingsbury has taken an active part in local politics, but has never aspired to office. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the state in fraternal and political circles, and his pleasant, genial manner has gained for him many friends.

ANDREW H. PETERSON.

Prominent among the progressive citizens and successful farmers of Olive township is Andrew H. Peterson, whose home is on section twenty. He was born in Norway and came to the United States in 1854, when only four years old. His parents were Harlow and Bertha (Anderson) Peterson, also natives of Norway. The father was a small farmer and fisherman of that country, and after coming to the United States followed agricultural pursuits exclusively. He first located in La Salle county, Illinois, where he engaged in farm work for two years, and for four years was similarly employed in Grundy county, that state. In the fall of 1860 he brought his family to Iowa with ox teams and purchased forty acres of land on section twenty, Olive township, Clinton county, where our subject now lives. Throughout life he successfully engaged in farming and added to his original purchase until he had at the time of his death two hundred and eighty acres. He died in 1895, at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife passed away in December of the same year at the age of nearly eighty. They were the parents of four children, all of whom are now living.

Since coming to this county with the

family Andrew H. Peterson has resided upon the old homestead, one hundred and eighty acres of which he now owns. He has made many improvements upon the place, and has converted it into one of the model farms of the locality. In connection with general farming he is engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of full-blooded Jersey red hogs.

On the 7th of February, 1869, Mr. Peterson married Miss Mattie Peterson, who is also a native of Norway, and was about twenty-one years of age when she came to the United States. Her father, Christopher Peterson, is still living in Norway. Twelve children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: Bertha, who died in infancy; Harlow, Christopher, Lettie, Peter, Nels and Bertha; Annie Mattie, who was a twin sister of Bertha and died at the age of four months; Annie, Mattie, Carrine and Alice, all at home. The older sons now assist their father in the operation of the farm.

By his ballot Mr. Peterson supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has served as constable several times, though he has never sought, nor particularly cared for public office. However, he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs and does all in his power to promote those interests calculated to advance the welfare of his community. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

LINEOUS HARRINGTON.

One of the most prosperous farmers and influential citizens of Bloomfield township is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He was born on the 12th of December, 1851, in New York, of which state

his parents, LeRoy K. and Esther Maria (Nelson) Harrington, were also natives. While living in the east the father worked at the cooper's trade, and also engaged in farming. In 1854 he brought his family to Iowa, traveling by train to Buffalo, and there took a boat for Milwaukee, whence he came to this county in a covered wagon. In connection with his brother, D. J. Harrington, he bought a farm of eighty acres, which they operated in partnership for three years. He then sold his interest in the place and rented a farm for a couple of years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm in Bloomfield township in the spring of 1863, and later added to it until he had two hundred acres, which he successfully operated until 1884, when he sold the place to John Allison, who still occupies it. Removing to Delmar, he lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1893. The mother of our subject had departed this life in 1881, and the remains of both were interred in the Delmar cemetery. In 1882 the father married Sarah Willie, who died in the spring of 1899. By his first union he had seven children, namely: Rebecca, wife of E. C. Hinkley, of Lawrence, Kansas; Lineous, our subject; Arthur, who died when about twenty-seven years of age; Morris, who died at the age of four months; Elsworth, who married Philey Taylor, and resides at Big Stone, South Dakota; Alice, wife of John Gold, of Big Stone; and Clayton, who married Jennie Tollcot, and makes his home at Big Stone.

Lineous Harrington spent the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and his education was acquired in the district schools of Delmar. He gave his father the benefit of his labors until his marriage, which was celebrated in Bloomfield township, December 12, 1875,

Miss Alice Bailey becoming his wife. She was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 24th of April, 1855, and is a daughter of O. C. Bailey, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. They have one daughter, Esther M., who was born October 1, 1877, and is now the wife of Silas Cook, a native of Jackson county, Iowa. They reside with our subject and have four children, namely: Clarence, born July 25, 1896; Myrtle, born December 2, 1898; an unnamed child; and unnamed twins, born April 2, 1901.

For two years after his marriage Mr. Harrington remained on his father's farm, and then purchased eighty acres on section twenty-one, Bloomfield township, to which he has added as his financial resources have increased, until he now has two hundred and ninety acres of rich and arable land under a high state of cultivation. He raises a high grade of stock for market, and in all his undertakings is meeting with well-deserved success, as he is one of the most enterprising and energetic farmers of his community, and a man whose word is considered as good as his bond. He has never had time nor inclination for public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and religiously is a member of the Methodist church at Delmar, of which he is one of the trustees.

LYMAN N. FRAZIER.

There are in every community men of great force of character and exceptional ability, who by reason of their capacity for leadership become recognized as foremost citizens and bear a most important part in

the development and progress of the locality with which they are connected. Such a man is Lyman N. Frazier, of Lost Nation, who is the most prominent man in the northwestern part of the county, and is now serving as county supervisor.

He was born in the village of Delhi, Delaware county, New York, December 2, 1833, and is a son of William and Helen (Park) Frazier, who were also natives of the Empire state. The father served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and continued his residence in New York until 1844, when he removed to Bureau county, Illinois. There he resided upon a small farm until 1855, when he sold his place and came to Clinton county, Iowa, locating in Sharon township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, and where he made his home until his death.

Lyman N. Frazier, of this review, was reared and partly educated in the county of his nativity, and was only thirteen years of age when he came west with his parents, with whom he made his home until after his marriage, assisting his father in the work of the home farm.

Shortly after his arrival here Mr. Frazier was married, January 1, 1856, to Miss Cynthia Armstrong, who was born in Dundas county, Canada, May 2, 1839. Her parents, Henry and Martha (Guernsey) Armstrong, were also natives of that country and early settlers of Clinton county, Iowa, locating on a farm near Lost Nation in 1853. There the father died in February, 1884, and the mother departed this life on the 9th of June, the same year.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were born three children, but only one is now living. Francis M., born September 22, 1857, is a prominent and influential citizen of Lost



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Nation, where he was engaged in the hardware business for nine years, and served as postmaster four years, but is now living retired. He owns two farms in Sharon township and one at Pearson, Woodbury county, Iowa, besides a nice residence in Lost Nation. He married Miss Anna L. Dutt, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, Herbert L. T. The children of our subject now deceased were Martha V., who was born March 30, 1859, and died March 5, 1863; and Randolph T., who was born May 10, 1861, and died March 10, 1863.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier began their married life on a farm on section 14, Sharon township, where he successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1883, when he removed to Lost Nation, and has since lived retired, having purchased a fine residence near Main street. He still owns four hundred and eighty acres of valuable farming land in Sharon township, from which he derives a good income.

In his political views Mr. Frazier is a stalwart Democrat, and has taken a very active and prominent part in public affairs. He was treasurer of the school fund for several years, and has three times been elected a member of the board of county supervisors: First in 1882; again in 1885, during which term he was chairman of the board; and the third time in 1900. He is a man of exceptional ability, progressive and public spirited, and gives his support to all measures which he believes will prove of public benefit. He is one of the leading and wealthy citizens of Lost Nation, and is widely and favorably known throughout the county. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him, and is honored and respected for his sterling worth.

ALBERT COOK.

Prominent among the substantial farmers of Sharon township whose success in life is due to their own industry, perseverance and good management is Albert Cook, who was born December 20, 1859, on the farm where he now resides. He is a son of Marshall and Magdalena (Housell) Cook, who were natives of Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1852. They spent two years in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where the father worked at the mason's trade, and then came to Clinton county, Iowa, where he entered the land now owned and occupied by our subject. He made all the improvements upon that place, and in connection with its operation he also worked at the mason's and plasterer's trades throughout the northwestern part of the county until his death, which occurred in December, 1872. His wife died in September, 1895. They were the parents of seven children, namely: John, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Naomi, widow of Charles Pithan and a resident of Lost Nation; Albert, our subject; Rosann, wife of Nick Ales, a farmer of Sharon township; Marion, who died at the age of fourteen years; Crist, a farmer of Sharon township; and Amelia, wife of Wheeler Swan, a farmer of the same township. They were all educated in the common schools of this county.

Throughout his active business life Albert Cook has followed farming, and has been eminently successful. He also gives considerable attention to stock raising. He now owns about two hundred acres of good farming land in the eastern part of Sharon township, and is quite well-to-do. Mr. Cook married Miss Mary Kramer, also a native of Sharon township. Her father

having retired from active labor, her parents now make their home in Lost Nation. In his political affiliations Mr. Cook is a Democrat, and he is now efficiently serving as one the school directors of his district. He is quite prominent and influential in the community where he resides, and has many friends throughout the county.

ARTHUR GOODALL, SR.

The old and honored citizen of Quigley whose name introduces this review was born in County Wexford, Ireland, November 18, 1819, and is a son of Arthur and Martha (O'Grady) Goodall, also natives of County Wexford. His parents came to America in 1847 and settled in Ottawa, Canada, where they spent the remainder of their lives. There the father owned a farm of four hundred acres. In the family were the following children: Arthur, our subject; Ann, deceased wife of John Garrison, of Canada; Mary, deceased wife of Nicholas Dixon, of Canada; Jane, deceased wife of John Dunn, of Waverly, Iowa; Eliza, deceased wife of James Kennedy, of Ottawa, Canada; Margaret, wife of a Mr. Fendly, of the same place; Martha, who married and is now deceased; Sarah, deceased wife of William Buyers, of Montreal, Canada; Catherine married Thomas Quinlan and resides in Ottawa; Charles, who wedded Mary Quinlan and lives in Ottawa; John, who married Mary Phalen and makes his home in South Dakota; and two sons who died young.

It was on the 1st of May, 1840, that Arthur Goodall came to the United States as one of the one hundred and seventy passengers on the *Gento*, of Boston, which made the voyage at this time in six weeks.

After spending a month in New York City our subject went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in farming for a short time at seven dollars and a half per month. Going to the east coast of Maryland, he became engaged in shad and herring fishing on the Chesapeake bay, using a seine five miles long and twenty feet deep, which required forty-two men and four horses to operate. Mr. Goodall devoted two summers to that occupation, and then went to New Castle county, Delaware, where he worked at farming for about a year. In the fall of 1844 he sailed from Philadelphia for the old world on the *Thomas B. Cope*, and after twenty days spent upon the water landed in Liverpool, whence he went by steamer to Ireland, where he visited with his father's family until the following spring. He then took passage on *The Old Dam*, which sailed from New Ross, Ireland, to Quebec, Canada, in six weeks. In the latter city he worked as a longshoreman during the summer and in the winter was employed in the lumber woods, being thus engaged until his parents came to America. He then assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until 1850, when the family gave him one hundred acres of land.

Selling his property in 1851, Mr. Goodall came to Iowa. Going first to Ogdensburg, New York, he sailed up Lake Ontario to Lewiston, and then crossed to Buffalo, where he took passage on a vessel bound for Detroit. From the latter city he went to Chicago, part way by rail, and then to La Salle, Illinois, whence he went down the Illinois river to St. Louis and up the Mississippi to Dubuque. From that place he walked to Quigley, Clinton county. Here he made a claim of two hundred and forty acres. In 1854 he entered two hundred and

forty acres of land in Bloomfield township, and was successfully engaged in farming until 1900, when he divided his property, then consisting of five hundred and twenty acres among his children. Since then he has lived a retired life in the little town of Quigley, where he owns a fine residence.

On the 18th of February, 1849, in Richmond, Canada, Mr. Goodall was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Tinerey, who was born in that country in October, 1829. Her parents, Dennis and Julia (Quinn) Tinerey, were both natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, and in 1815 emigrated to Canada, where they continued to make their home until death. Their other children were Anna, wife of James O'Rourke, of Rochester, Minnesota; Dennis, who married Anna Fitzgerald, and both died in Lyons, Iowa; James, who married Anna Burns and lives near Ottawa, Canada; Murt, who is married and makes his home near San Francisco, California; Julia, widow of Michael Spain and a resident of Canada; Nancy, wife of John O'Brien, who lives near Rochester, Minnesota; and Bridget, who is the widow of John Manion and makes her home near Ottawa, Canada.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Goodall were born eleven children, as follows: Dennis wedded Margaret Burke and resides on a farm near Toronto, Iowa; Mary is the wife of Burt Monhanna, of Charlotta, Clinton county; Anna is the wife of Martin Burke, of Charlotte; Francis married Dollie O'Day and is a conductor on an electric railroad in Omaha, Nebraska; Charles married Winnie Cavey and makes his home in Delmar, Clinton county; Martha died at the age of twenty-four years; Arthur married Alice Aldrich and is a farmer of Waterford township; Julia died at the age of eighteen years; Sarah is the wife of Patrick McCarty, a

merchant of Tama City, Iowa; James married Margaret Monhanna and resides west of Quigley; and John married Catherine Manon and lives in Quigley.

In politics Mr. Goodall is independent, casting his ballot for the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. He has filled the office of road supervisor, and has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs. Religiously he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church. A man of industrious habits and good business ability, he has attained a well-deserved success in life, and can well afford to spend his remaining days in ease and quiet in the midst of his family and a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

HUBERT BURKEN.

Prominent among Clinton county's native sons is Hubert Burken, who is now so capably and satisfactorily serving as chairman of the county board of supervisors. He was born in that part of Clinton township which is now within the corporate limits of the city of Clinton, on the 8th of February, 1864, and is a son of Anton and Annie M. (Simons) Burken. The latter was a daughter of Nicholas Simons. The father was a native of Germany, and on his emigration to the United States, in 1854, settled in Lyons, Iowa, where he first worked as a farm hand for Mr. Jacobson. Later he rented his farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. There he spent the remainder of his life, although he bought and sold considerable farm property. He was especially successful as a dairyman. He started with only

eight cows, but soon established a large route in Clinton, and to meet the growing demands of his trade he kept adding to his herd until he had forty head at the time of his death. He died of pneumonia in the spring of 1888, at the age of fifty-nine years, and his wife passed away in 1884, at the age of forty-two. In their family were six children, namely: Maggie, wife of S. Simons; Hubert, our subject; Lizzie, a sister in a convent at Dubuque; Catherine, wife of F. Bronenkant; John, who married Rose Rosenberger; and Mary, who is clerking in Reed & Conger's.

Hubert Burken was educated in the schools of Clinton, and here grew to manhood. During his early life he assisted his father in the dairy business, and in 1888 opened a grocery store in partnership with J. H. Fraham, but two years later sold out and became connected with his brother in the same business under the firm name of Burken Brothers. They carried on business quite successfully until September, 1900, when they sold out to Jerry Hass.

In 1892 Mr. Burken married Miss Lizzie Sauerwein, daughter of Joseph Sauerwein, of Dubuque, and to them were born four children: Ruth Gertrude, who died at the age of one year; Marcella; Camelia Joseph; and Claytus. Fraternally, Mr. Burken is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Commercial League of Clinton, and politically is identified with the Democracy. He served three years as trustee of his township, and in 1898 was elected supervisor on his party ticket. He has since filled the last named office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, and is now the efficient and popular chairman of the board. He owns a nice home at 537 Third avenue, which was erected by him in 1893.

JOHN H. OLIVER.

John H. Oliver, who since 1885 has been a resident of Clinton, Iowa, and during all that time has been one of the trusted employes of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, was born in Chicago, on the 10th of July, 1866, and is a son of William and Lucy (Hicks) Oliver, the former a native of Kilmarnick, Scotland, and the latter of Devonshire, England. Both came to this country when small children. The father is a well-educated man and an expert book-keeper, who is now in the employ of Ashcraft & Ashcraft, attorneys, of Chicago. In the family were four children, namely: John H., our subject; Lucy, wife of Charles Thayer, of Chicago; William P., who died at the age of twenty-six years; and Nellie M., at home with her parents.

In the public schools of his native city John H. Oliver acquired his early education, and also attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College. He began his business career as a clerk in a wholesale store, but always had the desire to become a railroad man, and in September, 1885, came to Clinton and entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as fireman, running between Clinton and Belle Plaine. In July, 1890, he was promoted to engineer, and has since served the company in that capacity with credit to himself and to their entire satisfaction, having never been blamed for any accidents which have occurred to his train.

Mr. Oliver was married in Clinton, September 11, 1888, to Miss Nellie F. Edwards, who was born in Dubuque, in 1869, and in 1880 came to Clinton with her parents, William and Maria E. (Hogbin) Edwards. The father was born in 1838 and died in 1899, having been an invalid for fifteen

years prior to his death. He was a well-informed man, who was widely and favorably known in boating circles, especially among the pioneers on the river. For ten years he was an engineer on the Artemus Lamb, plying on the Mississippi. His wife, who was born in 1844, is still living, and makes her home with our subject. Unto them were born three children, but two died in childhood, so that Mrs. Oliver is the only one now living. She is a graduate of the Clinton high school. Our subject and his wife have three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Robert W., aged eleven years; Marjorie B., aged ten; and William P., aged two. The two older are attending the public schools of Clinton. The family live at the Edwards home, and Mr. Oliver has made many improvements in the residence, a part of which he has rebuilt.

Socially Mr. Oliver is a member of America Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Clinton, and his wife belongs to Star of Hope Lodge, in which she has filled all the chairs. He is also a member of Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., while she is a member of the Grand International Auxiliary of that order. Since leaving school, at the age of fourteen years, he has been dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood, and his success in life is due entirely to his own industry, perseverance and fidelity to the trusts reposed in him. Mrs. Oliver is an active member of the First Methodist church, of Clinton.

HARMON L. HOUCK.

Among the honored early settlers of Clinton county is numbered Harmon L. Houck, who dates his residence here from June, 1853, and was for over a third of a

century one of the most active and thrifty farmers of the county, but is now living a retired life in DeWitt. He was born on the 22d of October, 1831, in Onondaga county, New York, of which state his parents, George and Betsy (Henderson) Houck, were also natives. From Onondaga county the family removed to Cattaraugus county, New York, and there our subject assisted in clearing and improving a farm. On leaving the parental roof, at the age of fifteen years, he went to Pennsylvania, where he worked in a sawmill manufacturing lumber, and was also engaged in running rafts down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers to Cincinnati and Louisville for some years, continuing that occupation until coming west in 1853.

On his removal to Clinton county, Iowa, Mr. Houck was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Amos Cummings. After purchasing a tract of eighty acres in Olive township, our subject went north and worked in the lumber woods of Wisconsin at intervals for about four years, and then located on his land in this county, which in the meantime he had broken and improved. Subsequently he bought more land, becoming owner of one hundred and forty-eight acres, on which he built a good house, barn and other out-buildings. He also laid seven miles of tile and fenced the place, set out shade and fruit trees, and made many other improvements thereon. In connection with farming he also engaged in raising a high grade of cattle. He continued to follow farming until 1895, when he bought property in DeWitt and has since lived retired, having sold his farm. He was one of the first men in this section to tile his land.

Mr. Houck was married in this county, August 18, 1856, to Miss Mary Huntington, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and

a daughter of Alonzo Huntington, who was born in New Salem, Massachusetts, and was married in Dutchess county, New York. From Hartford, Connecticut, he removed to Rochester, New York, where he was engaged in business for some years, and in 1855 came to Clinton county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Olive township, where his last years were spent. There he died in 1886, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Houck was reared and educated in Rochester.

Unto our subject and his wife were born ten children, one son and nine daughters, of whom seven daughters are still living, namely: Celia, wife of M. W. Johnson, of Calamus, this county; Carrie, wife of Charles Dubois, of that same place; Jennie, wife of William Dubois, also of Calamus; Mary, wife of Adelbert Smith, of that place; Mrs. Gertrude Bilderbach, a widow, residing in Cumberland, Iowa; Sophia, wife of James G. Rayner, of Cumberland; and Idella, wife of Arthur Peters, of DeWitt. Those of the family now deceased were Harmon H., who died at the age of three years; Minnie, who married M. W. Johnson and died in Nebraska, leaving four sons, Horace, Roy, Dwight and Eugene; and Dora E., who married Dennis Boylen and died near Calamus, this county, leaving one son, Sidney.

In politics Mr. Houck is independent, voting for the man and not the party. He cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856. For almost a half century he has made his home in this county, and with its development and upbuilding has been closely identified. He has seen the wonderful changes that have been made during this time; the wild prairies transformed into highly cultivated and well-improved farms. Cities and villages have

sprung up, and railroads, telegraphs and telephones have been introduced, until today the county has all of the conveniences of an advanced civilization.

FREDERICK E. ROTHSTEIN.

Among the prosperous farmers of Clinton county none are more deserving of representation in this volume than the gentleman whose name introduces this review. For many years he has been connected with the agricultural interests of Olive township, and through his well-directed efforts has gained a handsome competence that numbers him among the most substantial citizens of his community. Keen discrimination, unflagging industry and resolute purpose are numbered among his salient characteristics, and thus he has won that prosperity which is the merited reward of honest effort.

Mr. Rothstein was born in Stockholm, Sweden, on the 22d of August, 1822, and is the oldest son of Jonathan and Charlotte Rothstein. His father was successfully engaged in the practice of law in Nykjoping, and owned a farm near that place, on which his family lived. There our subject passed the first fifteen years of his life, attending the local schools, and then engaged in clerking in a general store until his emigration to America.

On the 22d of April, 1843, Mr. Rothstein sailed from Stockholm and was over two months in crossing the Atlantic, landing in New York June 29, a stranger in a strange land and unable to speak the English language. He was instructed by a Dane as to how to get to Cincinnati, and after spending a few days in New York he

started for the former city. There he found friends and employment, clerking in a variety store until 1849. Hearing of the discovery of gold in California, he resolved to try his fortune on the Pacific slope, and in March, 1849, he and twenty-three others started westward, going by steamer to Independence, Missouri. They then crossed the plains with pack mules, arriving in Hangtown, now Placerville, California, on the 8th of August, that year. There he engaged in mining until the following spring, when he went to Greenwood Valley, built a hotel and successfully conducted the same until the fall of 1856, when he sold his interests at that place and went to San Francisco, remaining there until February, 1857. Concluding to return east, he took passage on a steamer, and by way of the Isthmus of Panama went to New York, whence he came to Iowa.

Mr. Rothstein first located in Scott county, where he erected a steam saw and grist-mill, which he carried on until the opening of the Civil war, when he removed the mill to Olive township, Clinton county, built a dam and run the mill by water power until 1868. In the spring of that year he commenced buying farm land, at first purchasing forty acres, and he has since added to his landed possessions until he now owns seven hundred acres of rich and arable land. In 1876 he sold his mill. When he first located here this region was but sparsely settled, but being a man of sound judgment and keen discrimination, he realized that it would soon become thickly populated and that the land would accordingly rise in value. He started a ferry, which he ran until able to build a bridge across the river, and subsequently built two toll bridges, of which he had charge until he sold them to the county. At present he devotes his entire time and at-

tention to his agricultural interests. He has always been hard-working and progressive, and to his own unaided efforts is due his success in life.

In March, 1852, Mr. Rothstein was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Powell, a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who died in December, 1876, and he was again married September 15, 1877, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah (Jacobs) Whitman, widow of Dana Whitman, who was born in Vermont, and died in 1876. By her first marriage she had two children, namely: (1) Edwin, born in Scott county, attended the Davenport Business College, and is now assisting Mr. Rothstein in the operation of his farm and is extensively engaged in stock raising. He has efficiently served as road supervisor and school director in his district, and in his social relations is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Yeomen Society of Dixon. He married Fredreka Mueller, a daughter of Henry Mueller, a resident of Calamus and an old settler of this county. They have three sons, Harry E., Paul F. and Ralph H., all born on the old homestead. (2) Alberta, born in Seward county, Nebraska, was educated in Clinton county, Iowa, and is now the wife of Charles K. Kuehl, who is proprietor of a general store in Olive township located on the river near Mr. Rothstein's farm. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Yeomen Society, and has filled several local offices, including those of township treasurer and school director, serving in the former capacity for the last six years. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehl have four children: James F., Ethel May, Daniel W. and Esther E., all born in Olive township.

Mrs. Rothstein is a native of Scott county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Mark C. and

Lois (Grace) Jacobs, pioneers of that county. Her father was born in Tompkins county, New York, on the 9th of February, 1813, and arrived in Davenport, Iowa, in April, 1837. He located in Liberty township, Scott county, and turned the first furrow within its borders. In 1840 he married Miss Lois Grace, who was also born in Tompkins county, New York, December 8, 1819, and when a little girl removed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grace, to Ohio. In 1839 they came to Iowa and settled in Allen's Grove, Scott county. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs began housekeeping in Walnut Grove, and to them were born eight children, six of whom are still living. Mr. Jacobs was a member of the famous band of "Iowa Patriots" who in the fall of 1837 drove the Missouri invaders from the sacred soil of Lee county, and he also assisted materially in purging this section of the state of a band of blacklegs and horse thieves who infested it during its existence as a portion of the western frontier. For nearly forty years he lived on the same place, and being a man of industrious habits, he became quite well-to-do. He was upright and honorable in business affairs, and commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. He died at his home in Liberty township, Scott county, July 27, 1877, at the age of sixty-three years, and was buried at Dixon, Iowa.

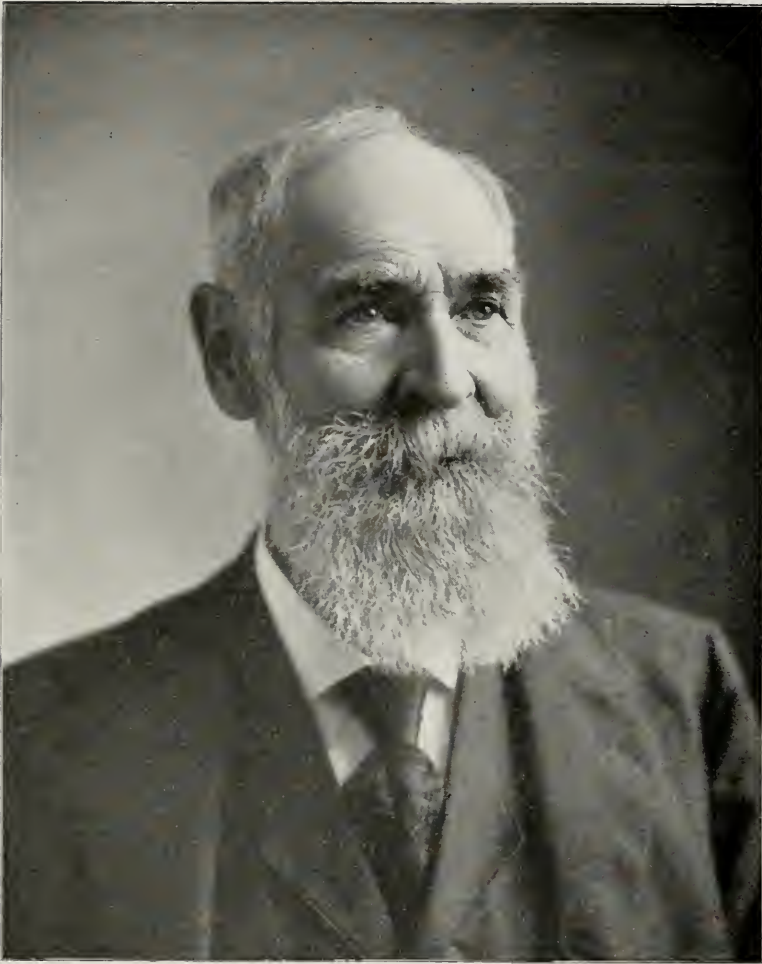
Mr. and Mrs. Rothstein are earnest and consistent members of the Christian church, and in politics he is identified with the Republican party, though he cast his first presidential vote for Zachary Taylor in 1848. He has held the office of school trustee and director, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, giving his support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material

welfare of his township and county. His career has ever been such as to gain for him the confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens, and probably no man in the community has more friends than Frederick E. Rothstein.

MARVIN FINTON.

One of the enterprising agriculturists of Bloomfield township is Marvin Finton, and to-day he is numbered among the progressive citizens of the community, owing his success to qualities which may be acquired by all—close application, energy and perseverance.

He was born in Warren county, New York, in the town of Bolton, February 14, 1830, a son of Jabin and Sarah (Goodnow) Finton, the former a native of Dutchess county, New York, and the latter of Vermont. The parents were married in Warren county, New York, in 1829, and there the father engaged in the lumber business and operated a gristmill. His death occurred in April, 1836, and his remains were interred in the cemetery near his home. In politics he was a supporter of the Whig party. In his family were three children, the eldest being Marvin, of this review. Marshall, the second son, served for three years as a soldier in the Union army in the Civil war, and now resides at Maquoketa, Iowa. He married Almeda Potter, and they have three children. Luke, the youngest son, died at the age of three years. After the death of the father the mother was married, in the winter of 1842, to Alexander H. Jenkins, and four children were born to this union, namely: Palmer, who married Helen Atherton, and died in Bloomfield township.



MARVIN FINTON.



MRS. MARVIN FINTON.

His widow still lives on the old homestead farm west of the Union church. Jedd, of Maquoketa, who married Alice Simpson, and has six children. Maria, who is the twin sister of Jedd, and the wife of Martin Baker, of Marion, Iowa, by whom she has four children; and Harriet, the wife of Samuel Dice, who resides upon a part of the old farm. They also had two children.

Mr. Finton, of this review, pursued his education in the district schools in the neighborhood where his birth occurred, and when thirteen years of age he accompanied his mother and her family to Oakland county, Michigan. There he continued his education in a log school house in Sutherland township, remaining a pupil there until seventeen years of age. At that time the step-father removed with the family to Clinton county, Iowa, settling in Brookfield township, where he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres. It was then a tract of wild prairie land, which he at once began to break, and he also erected buildings upon the land and continued to work, providing a good home for the family. For two years Mr. Finton, of this review, was a student in the district school, and after that time he went to work in the lumber district, living in a log shanty, and devoted his time to cutting timber. There were panthers and wild animals in the woods, and deer could be had in abundance, and very often came so near that he could hit them with a stone. Turkey and other small game were also numerous, and Indians came and camped each fall in the neighborhood. They also visited Lost Nation, and while they were not hostile, they were regarded as a nuisance on account of their begging propensities.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Finton left

school and assisted his father on the farm, remaining there until he was twenty-two years of age, when he began farming on his own account. He purchased eighty acres of land adjoining the homestead and proceeded to cultivate it. He erected a house and barn, and for four years remained upon his first property.

As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Finton chose Miss Maria D. Potter, their wedding being celebrated at Maquoketa March 23, 1854. The lady of his choice was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 18, 1838, and was a daughter of Nicholas H. and Eliza (Wheaton) Potter, natives of New Jersey and Ohio, respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Ohio, where they located upon a farm, making that state their home until 1841, when they came to Iowa and established a home in the midst of the forest in Jackson county. The father secured from the government one hundred and sixty acres, and with characteristic energy he began to clear and improve the place, transforming it into a valuable farm. There he remained until 1850, when he sold out and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Brookfield township—the property now occupied by William Phillips. Mr. Potter and his family remained at that place for about four years, and then selling out removed to Maquoketa, but after a year purchased one hundred and twenty acres a mile and a half east of the city, upon which he remained for two years. He next went to Minnesota and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Dakota county, remaining there for twelve years. When that time had passed Mr. Potter sold his home and removed to Hastings, Minnesota, where he resided for ten years, after which he returned to his farm in Vermilion county,

which he had purchased. On disposing of his property there he went to Aberdeen, Dakota, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, but he never lived upon that land. He bought a house and lot, which he occupied for two years, and then came to Maquoketa, where Mr. Potter remained until his death, which occurred in 1896, his remains being interred in the Union church cemetery in Brookfield township. His widow is now living near Maquoketa, at the age of eighty-three years. This worthy couple were the parents of six children, as follows: Maria D., the wife of Mr. Finton. Jason, who married Maggie Thompson, now deceased, and resides west of Maquoketa with his two children and his second wife, who bore the maiden name of Mattie Lester. Almada, the wife of Marshall E. Finton, of Maquoketa, by whom she has three children. Victorine, wife of John Lester, who resides near Maquoketa, by whom she has one child. Almira, who died at the age of eight years. And John W., who married Emma Johnston, who moved near Colorado Springs, where she died.

Mr. and Mrs. Finton have become the parents of five children, but only one is now living. Those who have passed away are Lenora, who died at the age of fourteen years. Edwin, who died at the age of five years. Edna Lillian, who passed away at the age of two years; and Jennie, who died at the age of three months. Luke H., the surviving son, is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

After his marriage Mr. Finton removed to the farm which he operated for three years, and then took up his abode on the north fork of the Maquoketa river, where he built a sawmill, but only retained the ownership a short time. In 1860 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on sec-

tion 19, Bloomfield township. This was a tract of raw prairie, which he worked and cultivated, transforming it into rich fields. He afterward bought an adjoining tract of eighty acres and subsequently added one hundred and twenty acres, so that he now has four hundred and forty acres of land, which is highly improved. He has erected thereon three residences and good barns, and he rents two hundred acres of the farm, while the remainder is managed by his son. In the present year, 1901, he has erected a fine modern residence, one of the best to be seen in Clinton county. It is supplied with all the latest equipments and improvements, and is tastefully furnished. Moreover, it is noted for its hospitality, and the members of the household enjoy the warm regard of all who know them.

Mr. Finton is a member of Monitor Lodge, No. 330, F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the consistory of Lyons. This was the first chartered consistory in the state. He has frequently been elected to office, but has refused to qualify, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs. He is public spirited, and withholds his support from no movement which he believes will prove of general good. He is a man of generous qualities, of kindly disposition and of sterling worth, and all who know him entertain for him warm friendship. In his political views he is a Republican.

LAURENCE LOGSDON.

Laurence Logsdon, of Clinton, has long been in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and now ranks twentieth on the list. He was born on the 4th of

July, 1853, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Laurence and Martha (Sturtz) Logsdon. The father is a native of Maryland, born in 1820, and from that state removed to Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until 1865, and then went to Indiana, settling near Brazil, where he still makes his home. In early life he received a very limited education, and the success that he has achieved is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. He is now fairly well-to-do, owning a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he improved with the assistance of his sons. He is now living a retired life upon his farm. The Republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles, but he has never aspired to office. He is an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the mother of our subject was also an active worker in the same church. She died in 1859, leaving five children, namely: Daniel, a farmer, living near Wichita, Kansas; James, who is engaged in farming near the old homestead, in Indiana; Laurence, of this review; Mary Ellen, now Mrs. Jenks, of Indiana; and Lincoln, a farmer of that state. After the mother's death, the father married Sarah Hoyman, who is still living.

The subject of this sketch began his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania, and after the removal of the family to Indiana he continued his studies in the district schools of that state for a time. During his youth he assisted in cutting the timber from his father's land and in placing the farm under cultivation. At the age of eighteen he left the parental roof and went to Lee county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for Walter Merriman, who lived near Dixon. He remained there about

three years, during which time he attended school two winters.

Mr. Logsdon then returned to Pennsylvania, and for a number of years was employed as brakeman on the Pittsburg & Connellsville Railroad, and continued on the same line after it was absorbed by the Baltimore & Ohio system, with headquarters at Pittsburg. He next worked on a farm near Alliance, Ohio, for a Mr. Cook, two years, and at the end of that time returned to Dixon, Illinois, where he was again in the employ of Dr. Merriman one year. In 1880 he came to Clinton, Iowa, and worked in the sawmills on the edger for three years. Since then he has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, as brakeman, running between Clinton and Belle Plaine, for three years, and was promoted to conductor in 1886. He was on the rounds until 1896, when he was given a regular run, and is now conductor on No. 9, the fast mail going west, and No. 20, the fast meat train from Omaha. He is one of the best known men on the Iowa division, and is very popular not only with his business associates but also with the traveling public. He has never met with but one accident, and that was while he was braking.

At Clinton, October 3, 1883, Mr. Logsdon married Miss Marcellie Lines, who was born in Savannah, Carroll county, Illinois, in 1862, and was educated in the schools of Independence, Iowa. Her parents, Gilbert and Minerva Lines, are still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon were born six children, of whom one died in infancy, and Etta M. at the age of eight years. Those living are: Robert, Russell, Florence and Homer, all of whom are attending school in Clinton. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of the

Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept, an insurance organization. In politics Mr. Logsdon is a Republican. He is of a somewhat retiring disposition, but is held in high regard by all who know him.

WILLIAM A. WORK.

On the 15th of June, 1886, W. A. Work entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company as brakeman, and served in that capacity until September 25, 1891, when he was promoted to conductor, which position he still fills. He is at present in the freight service and is a resident of Clinton, which is the home of many of the employees of this road.

Mr. Work was born February 16, 1852, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, William and Levisa (McLaughlin) Work, were also natives. Coming west, the family reached Iowa on the 20th of June, 1861, and located in DeWitt, Clinton county, where the father continued to make his home until his death, which occurred September 1, 1880. He was a distiller during his residence in Pennsylvania, but after coming to this state engaged in the grain and milling business. His wife died in February, 1886.

W. A. Work, the only child of this worthy couple, received a good practical education in the public schools of DeWitt, and during his youth learned the miller's trade, which he followed for about ten years in partnership with another man, selling out in 1882. He has been twice married, his first wife being Sarah Goff, whom he wedded June 20, 1877, and after her death he was united in marriage with Miss Estella Tanner, a native of Milwaukee,

Wisconsin. Her father was William Tanner, who enlisted in Company L, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, during the Civil war and died at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her mother is still living and now resides in Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Work have two children, Flora I. and Frank B. Fraternally our subject is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and all who know him hold him in the highest esteem. He has a fine home at 738 Stockholm street, Clinton, one of the prettiest streets in the city, which he built in 1891. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM D. HANRAHAN.

One of the leading farmers of Waterford township is William D. Hanrahan, residing on section 28, where he owns a well-improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, August 12, 1841, and is a son of Daniel and Jane (Gordon) Hanrahan, natives of Ireland and Canada, respectively. The father was about twelve years of age when he removed from the Emerald Isle to Canada, where he was married and continued to make his home until 1859, in which year he crossed the border at Windsor, and from Detroit went by rail to Fulton, Iowa, whence he proceeded by wagon to Deep Creek township, this county. There he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of improved land, but sold that place six years later and removed to Waterford township, buying a partially improved place of two hundred and forty acres on section 29. There he made his home until his death, which occurred in March, 1897, and his remains were interred

in St. Mary's cemetery, that township. His wife died in 1891, and was buried in the same place. They had a family of nine children, namely: William D., our subject; Mary, wife of Thomas O'Mera, of Bloomfield township; Daniel, who married Elizabeth Clary, and lives on section 29, Waterford township; Hugh, a resident of Quigley; Eliza Ann, who lives with her brother John; John, a farmer residing on section 21, Waterford township; Theresa, who died at the age of sixteen years; Martin, who died at the age of thirty-five; and Michael, who died at the age of forty-two.

Reared in Canada, William D. Hanrahan attended the common schools there until sixteen years of age. He accompanied the family on their removal to Iowa, and remained under the parental roof until his marriage, which was celebrated in DeWitt June 1, 1865, Miss Harriet Bedford becoming his wife. She is also a native of Canada, and a daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Barnes) Bedford. Her father was born in New York state, and her mother in Canada. Our subject and his wife have nine children: Martha, at home; Alfred, a resident of Washington township; Theresa, Lewis, Clara, Wilford, Sarah, Louisa Ann and Linus, all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Hanrahan commenced farming on a tract of eighty acres in Waterford township, where he resided for twenty-one years, and then bought his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, the same township. He has built a large barn upon this place and made many other improvements. For twenty-eight years he served as assessor of his township, and has also filled the offices of collector and township clerk with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Politically he affiliates with the

Democratic party, and religiously he and his family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church of Waterford township. They are people of prominence in their community, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

JAMES GILROY.

James Gilroy, one of the most prominent and wealthy farmers of Sharon township, is a man whose worth and ability have gained him success, honor and public confidence. He enjoys the well-earned distinction of being what the public calls a "self-made man," and an analysis of his character reveals the fact that enterprise, well-directed effort and honorable dealing have been essential features in his prosperity.

Mr. Gilroy was born on the 15th of April, 1822, in County Sligo, Ireland, of which place his parents, John and Bridget (Conroy) Gilroy, were also natives, and where they continued to make their home throughout life. The father, who was a farmer and cattle dealer by occupation, was born in 1798, and died in 1878. Our subject spent the first twenty-one years of his life in his native land, and then, in 1844, came alone to America, landing in New York city. There he worked two months, but for his labor received only fifty cents. He next went to Orange county, New York, where he was employed as a farm hand at five dollars per month until 1853, when he came west and entered his present farm, then worked in Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa.

After working in that city for about a year Mr. Gilroy came to Clinton county,

where he now resides. By hard work he soon placed this land under a high state of cultivation, and now has one of the best improved farms in the county, it being supplied with all the conveniences and accessories found upon a model farm of the present century. He also owns another farm in Liberty township, the two aggregating six hundred and forty-five acres. In connection with general farming Mr. Gilroy is also extensively engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of cattle and hogs.

In 1861, in Sharon township, Mr. Gilroy was united in marriage with Miss Rosanna Hart, who was also born on the Emerald Isle, and was only two years old when she came to America with her parents, who were early settlers of this county. By this union were born the following named children: James, Mary Jane, John, Ann, Peter, Agnes, Frances and Ellen. The sons James and John are prominent business men of Lost Nation, being proprietors of the largest store at that place, where they carry a well selected stock of general merchandise.

In politics Mr. Gilroy is a stanch Democrat, and he has taken quite an active and influential part in public affairs. He has been called upon to fill a number of township offices, including that of school director and justice of the peace, serving in the latter capacity several years. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church at Lost Nation, and have always taken an active interest in its work. As a young man of twenty-one years he came to the United States, and with no capital started out in a strange land to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in the path to prosperity. His youthful dreams have been realized, and in their happy fulfillment he

sees the fitting reward of his earnest toil. He is to-day not only one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens of his community, but is a man highly honored and esteemed.

HANS L. HANSEN.

One of the most thrifty and enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of Waterford township is Hans L. Hansen, whose home is on section 16. He was born in the province of Schleswig, Germany, January 19, 1852, and was fourteen years of age when he crossed the ocean with his parents, Lorenz and Anna Margaretta (Caspersen) Hansen, who were also natives of Schleswig. They took passage on the steamship Bavaria and after a voyage of nineteen days landed in New York. They immediately came to Iowa, crossing the Mississippi at Lyons, and in this county the father worked as a laborer for two years. He then rented a farm of two hundred and forty acres at Bryan from Henry Ingerson, and after residing there for three years bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 16, Waterford township. To the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his energies until 1877, when he sold out to our subject, but continued to live with him until his death, which occurred March 2, 1895. His wife had previously died, in June, 1882, and both were buried in McClure cemetery, Waterford township. They were the parents of four children, namely: Augusta, now the widow of Peter Weim and a resident of Boone, Iowa; Carl Thomas, who married Rica Koelso and lives near Early, Sac county, Iowa; Hans L., our subject; and Martin, who lives with our subject.

Hans L. Hansen attended school in his native land until the emigration of the family to America in 1866. During his early residence in Iowa he worked as a farm hand, but after his father bought property he assisted in the operation of the home farm, which was only partially improved when it came into the possession of the father, but with the aid of our subject it was soon placed under a high state of cultivation. The year before his marriage he purchased the farm, and in connection with its operation he also carried on a rented farm of one hundred and twenty acres, three miles from his homestead, for one year. He has added to his property from time to time until he now has three hundred and ninety acres in one body, constituting one of the best farms in the county. On the 18th of May, 1898, his place lay in the path of the tornado and cyclone which swept over the county and much of his property was destroyed, including twenty-one buildings, five head of cattle and two hundred and sixty-six hogs. The roof was torn from his house and carried seven miles away, together with the contents of all the rooms on the second floor, with the exception of one stand with a lamp on it. Dressers, beds, carpets, pictures and everything were swept away. Mr. Hansen received a slight wound in the right hand, but the other members of the family escaped uninjured. He has since rebuilt his residence, erected good barns, granaries, etc., and now has one of the best improved farms in that locality.

Mr. Hansen was married, January 19, 1877, in the Masonic Temple, at Lyons, to Miss Maria Christina Henrietta Luckstedt, 'Squire Henningsen performing the ceremony. Mrs. Hansen was born in Jackson county, Iowa, April 9, 1860, and is a

daughter of John and Sophia (Stuebie) Luckstedt, both natives of Mecklenburg, Germany. They came to America about 1858 on a sailing vessel, and were seven weeks and three days in crossing the Atlantic to New York. After spending six months in Lyons, Iowa, they moved to the country and Mr. Luckstedt worked as a day laborer one year. The following year he operated a rented farm, and subsequently rented Captain Smith's farm in Jackson county one year, and Henry Swan's farm in Clinton county for about two years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and forty acres of land on sections 9 and 16, Waterford township, and made his home thereon until his death, which occurred March 15, 1897. His wife died December 19, 1888, and both were laid to rest in the McClure cemetery. They had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters: Fred, who married Minnie Holtz and lives in Jones county, Iowa; George, who married Katie Fry and resides on the Luckstedt homestead; Maria, wife of our subject; August, who married Minnie Specht and resides on a farm in Jones county; Annie, wife of Fred Storm, of the same county; and Ida, who was married in the spring of 1901 to John Schrader, of Jones county.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are the parents of eleven children, all born in Clinton county, namely: Lawrence J., born April 14, 1878, was married June 6, 1900, to Martha Greve and is now secretary and treasurer for Greve, Hansen & Company, at Clinton; Agnes, born October 12, 1880, died at the age of nine months and was buried in McClure's cemetery; Johanna L., born November 7, 1881, was married October 10, 1900, to Fred C. Mangler and resides in Green Island, Jackson county, Iowa; Au-

gust M., born September 9, 1883, assists his father in the operation of the farm; and Josephine Christina, born January 13, 1886, Laura S., born February 21, 1888, Annie M., born April 3, 1890, Frederick C., born May 27, 1892, George H., born October 3, 1894, and W. Bryan, born April 3, 1897, and Marcella Grace, born November 26, 1900, are all at home.

Socially Mr. Hansen is a member of the Mystic Workers and Camp No. 2486, M. W. A., of Charlotte, and politically he affiliates with the Democracy. He has served as road supervisor and treasurer of the school board for a number of years, but has never cared for office only to see that the affairs of the county are conducted for the best interests of all. He is a pleasant, agreeable gentleman, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

W. R. HOLMES.

One of the representative citizens of Clinton county is W. R. Holmes, who owns and operates a valuable tract of farm land of one hundred and sixty acres in section 17, Bloomfield township. He was born in the state of New York May 17, 1830, being the youngest son of Stiles E. Holmes, a native of Connecticut, and Sarah Maxion, a native of New York state. The parents were married in the Empire state, and lived and died there, being buried in Petersburg, New York. The other children were Albert, dead, who married Sarah Cass, who with her two children resides in Evansville, Wisconsin; John, who married Adeline Kendall, both of whom are dead. They resided in Troy, New York, where he was sheriff at one time. They have two children, both living in Buffalo; Edwin, who married

Mercy Brock, and by whom he had three children. They reside in Petersburg, New York; Jane, wife of Carr Koon, formerly of Petersburg, New York, and by whom she had two daughters. The parents are now dead; and Martha, wife of Isaac Saunders, both dead, resided in Adams, Jefferson county, New York. Four boys were born to them. The Holmes family were of Scotch descent.

William R. Holmes received his early education in the district schools, and when about eighteen years of age attended the high school of Petersburg, New York. He then received a teacher's certificate and taught in the schools near his home for some time. The freedom of fresh air and outdoor life enticed him into the country, and he gave up school work, taking up the management of his father's farm. In the winter of 1865 he journeyed westward, locating in Welton, Clinton county, Iowa, where he remained for one year, after which he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and thereupon erected a comfortable residence and good barns and sheds and had remarkable success in the cultivation of his land. He raised high grade cattle, horses and hogs for market and was well known throughout the community as a prosperous and energetic farmer and stock raiser. Besides his farm here he also owned land in Corwith, Hancock county, and 320 acres in Sioux county, Iowa, and Mrs. Holmes owns a farm in Waverly, Bremer county, Iowa. All these farms are highly improved and are now occupied by tenants. He held a number of local offices, but preferred to devote his entire attention to his farm interests.

Mr. Holmes was united in marriage in 1865 to Miss Emeline Maxson, a daughter of William and Susan (Scribbins) Max-



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son, both natives of the state of New York. The parents were married in that state, and lived and passed away there. The father followed farming until his death. They were the parents of six children: Silas, who died at the age of thirty-five years; Norman, who married Deliah Gardner, and resides at Petersburg, New York, with his wife and five children; Sarah Ann, the widow of Bonapart Sweet, who resides in Petersburg, New York; Emeline, the wife of our subject; Lois, who is the wife of Edward Babcock and lives in Petersburg, New York; and Stiles, a resident of Portland, Oregon, who married Eliza Lane, by whom he has six children.

William R. Holmes passed away on the 3d day of February, 1891, after years of devotion to his family. His career was a most honorable one, and he leaves behind him a stainless record of sixty-one years of unceasing labor and steadfast purpose. His utmost fidelity and upright principles won for him friends who will ever revere his memory. His wife and four children are left to mourn his loss, the latter being Mable, who married Burt Copeland, a resident of Lowell, Indiana, and by whom she has one child, Esther; Albert; John; and Ezra. The three sons are living at home and manage the farm. In politics Mr. Holmes was a staunch Republican, and he was a member of the Methodist church.

CLARENCE THOMAS.

Among the citizens of Clinton who have devoted their time and attention to railroading since early manhood is Clarence Thomas, who has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway since 1881, and during this time has made his

home in Clinton. He was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, February 12, 1862, a son of John and Susan Jeral Thomas, the former a native of Gloucester, the latter also of Gloucester. The father, who was a sea captain, died at Gloucester in 1867, but the mother is still living at the age of sixty-five years, and is now the wife of William H. Knight, aged eighty-five. They now reside at 329 First avenue, Clinton. Mr. Knight was one of the early settlers of Fulton, Illinois. Our subject is the youngest of a family of three children, the others being Mabel, wife of L. Duncan, of Kansas; and F. N., a railroad man of Clinton. By the mother's second marriage she has one son, E. E. Knight, who is employed in a sawmill at Clinton.

Clarence Thomas was reared on a farm near Fulton, Whiteside county, Illinois, and obtained his education in the country schools of the neighborhood. On leaving home in 1878 he went to Kansas, where he followed farming until 1881, when he came to Clinton, Iowa, and secured a position as brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. In 1885 he was promoted to conductor with a run between Clinton and Belle Plaine, and when the division was changed his run was also changed to Boone. He now has a regular fast freight run on the California Special and No. 26. His railroad career has been especially fortunate, in that he has met with no personal injury, and he has always had the confidence of the company, as well as the respect of his associates. In 1886 he and his brother purchased the home of the latter on First avenue.

In December, 1898, at Clinton, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Miss Annie Nelson, who was born in this city, in 1877. Her father, who was a shoemaker

by trade, is now deceased, but her mother still survives him and continues her residence in Clinton. Mr. Thomas is a member of Division No. 33, O. R. C., and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JOSEPH A. HANNUM.

Joseph A. Hannum, familiarly called Joe by his numerous friends throughout this county, is one of DeWitt's highly respected citizens, whose useful and well-spent life has not only gained for him the confidence of his fellow men, but has also secured for him a comfortable competence which enables him to lay aside all business cares and spend his declining years in ease and retirement.

Mr. Hannum was born in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1849, a son of William and Jane (Thomas) Hannum, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Columbiana county, in 1820, the latter in Guernsey county. For a short time the father worked in the mills of Pittsburg, and then returned to Ohio, where he followed farming until coming to Clinton county, Iowa, in the spring of 1856. He purchased eighty acres of land in DeWitt township, and at once turned his attention to its development and cultivation. As he prospered in his new home he bought more land from time to time until he had three hundred acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings. He continued the operation of this farm until 1884, when he removed to Hand county, South Dakota, and followed the same occupation there until his death, which occurred March 20, 1899. His wife

still survives him, and continues to reside on the home farm, with her son, Ross Hannum.

The subject of this sketch had three brothers and two sisters, namely: John, who enlisted during the war of the Rebellion, in Company A, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and being captured at Pittsburg Landing, died in a rebel prison; William N., who died at his home in Chicago, in the spring of 1901; Ross, who is living with his mother, in Hand county, South Dakota; Nancy, who died when a young lady; and Abbie J., wife of Fred Rollins, of Huron, South Dakota.

Being only six years old when the family came to this county, Joseph A. Hannum was here reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys in a frontier settlement, receiving his education in the country schools and the high school at DeWitt. He gave his father the benefit of his labors until twenty years of age, and then operated the old homestead on his own account for four years, after which he engaged in farming upon a rented place for one year.

In Clinton county, March 24, 1875, Mr. Hannum was united in marriage with Miss Martha Barrett, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of John Barrett, who brought his family to this county at an early day, and settled in DeWitt township, where Mrs. Hannum grew to womanhood. They began their domestic life upon his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which at that time was only partially improved. To the original tract Mr. Hannum subsequently added another one hundred and sixty acres, and converted the place into one of the best and most desirable farms of its size in the county by the many improvements he made thereon. He always gave considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, and in both branches of his business met

with marked success, so that he is to-day one of the well-to-do citizens of his community. Since 1896 he has lived retired in the village of DeWitt, where he has built a large neat residence in modern style of architecture, it being one of the best homes of the town.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Hannum a staunch supporter of its principles since he cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant, in 1872, but he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. Since his removal to DeWitt he has become a stockholder of the Electric Light Company, and also of the DeWitt Savings Bank, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he gives his support to all enterprises tending to advance the public welfare. Both he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian church, and he is one of the official board, serving as trustee and treasurer of the church, while his wife is a teacher in the Sunday-school. Socially he affiliated with the Odd Fellows Lodge at DeWitt, and is quite a popular and influential citizen of his adopted town.

JOHN P. CLARK.

This practical and progressive farmer, residing on section 16, Waterford township, was born in New Jersey, on the 17th of March, 1862. His parents, Michael and Sarah (Naughtin) Clark, were both natives of Ireland, but came to America in early life and were married in New Jersey, where they continued to make their home until coming to Iowa, in 1868. They first located in Clinton, where the father was engaged in the sawmill business for the W. J. Young

Lumber Company, for two years, and then removed to Waterford township, this county, where he purchased eighty acres on section sixteen. Here he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his retirement from active labor, in 1891, when he removed to Charlotte, and is now enjoying the fruits of former toil. To his original purchase he added a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in 1880. In political sentiment he is a Democrat, and in religious faith a Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's church in Waterford township. His wife died April 2, 1896, and her remains were interred in St. Mary's cemetery. They were the parents of four children: Kate, wife of B. T. Walsh, of Parnell, Iowa county, Iowa; John, our subject; Mary, wife of Mathias O'Meara, of Riggs, Iowa; and Michael, who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

Being only six years of age when he came with the family to this county, John Clark acquired his education principally in the district schools of Waterford township, which he attended until he attained his majority. He worked with his father on the home farm until the latter's retirement when he took charge of the place, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, and in 1894 bought it. This farm was in the path of the cyclone which swept over the country May 18, 1898, and everything he had was destroyed, including all the buildings upon the place, one horse and fifty hogs. As he carried no insurance, it was a total loss. One of his horses was blown from the barn into the cellar, while another, which was standing by her side, was found in the cistern, and still another on a neighboring farm. Mr. Clark found his fur coat two miles away with all the lining torn out. The only thing saved from the house was a glass jar, in which were some valuable pa-

pers. This was found in the orchard unbroken. On noticing the approach of the storm, the family hid themselves in a hollow on the farm and were uninjured, but Miss Frances Solen, who was on her way home from school, was killed near their place. With his characteristic energy Mr. Clark at once set to work to erect new buildings, and now has a good modern residence nicely furnished, large barns, granaries and other outbuildings. In connection with general farming he raises Aberdeen Angus cattle, and also horses and hogs for market.

Mr. Clark was married at St. Mary's Catholic church, February 17, 1891, by Rev. Father O'Dowd, to Miss Ellen O'Meara, who was born in Canada, December 30, 1866, and is of Irish descent. Her parents, John and Rose (Slavin) O'Meara, were also natives of Canada, and were married in Ottawa. On the 4th of February, 1867, her father first came to Iowa. He made several visits to this state, and finally, in the spring of the same year, brought his family and located south of Delmar, in Clinton county, where he engaged in farming on rented land for nearly two years. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Waterford township, where he made his home until called to his final rest, July 8, 1876. There his wife died, July 22, 1885, and both were buried in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery. They were devout members of St. Mary's church, and he was a Democrat in politics. He served as township clerk and trustee for a number of years. In his family were the following children: Thomas, who married Catherine Hynes, and is engaged in the livery business in Lyons; James, a real estate dealer of Kalispell, Montana, was married on June 12, 1901, to Miss Josephine Pursell, of Davenport, Iowa; Dennis, who died at the age of twenty years;

Ellen, wife of our subject; Jennie, wife of J. S. Smith, of Alford, Lyon county, Iowa; John, who married Alice Terralt, and died November 19, 1900, while his widow lives in Butte City, Montana; Michael, who wedded Mary Gollofith, now deceased, and resides in Lyons, Iowa; Catherine, wife of James Keegan, of Rock Valley, Lyon county, Iowa; and Daniel, a farmer of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Gertrude Sarah, August 3, 1893; John J., February 20, 1895; Francis Ignatius, January 29, 1898; and Daniel Raymond, May 13, 1899.

Mr. Clark is one of the most practical up-to-date farmers of his community, and is a thorough gentleman who is pleasant and affable in manner. He takes quite an active interest in public affairs, and has capably served as township clerk and secretary of the school board. His political support is always given the Democratic party. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church of Waterford township; and also belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, at Charlotte, and of Camp No. 2486, Modern Woodmen of America, of the same place.

WILLIAM M. ROBERTS.

For almost twenty years the subject of this review has been a faithful and trusted employe of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Clinton. He is a native of Madison, Morris county, New Jersey, and a son of J. J. Roberts, who was also born in that state and continued to make his home there until coming to Iowa in 1868, when he took up his residence in Cedar county. In 1880 he removed to Sac City, Sac county, where

he followed farming. He married Miss Martha Kelch, a native of Germany, who was only about three years of age when brought by her parents to the United States. By this union nine children were born, but only four of that number are now living. W. M. Roberts being the eldest living.

Mr. Roberts, whose name introduces this sketch, began his education in the public schools of his native state, and after the removal of the family to Iowa he attended school in Cedar county. When his school days were over he engaged in farming in Sac county until March, 1882, when he went to Cedar Rapids and entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, at first being engaged in trucking freight in the freight house at that place. He next worked in the switch yard at Cedar Rapids and rose to the position of yardmaster, which he capably filled for about a year. At the end of that time he went upon the road as brakeman, and was promoted to conductor November 2, 1887, in which capacity he has since served the company. During his connection with the train service his run has been principally between Clinton and Boone, Iowa, and for the past six months he has had a regular freight run on the Midland division. He is a very efficient and popular conductor, and is thoroughly reliable in all things.

On the 25th of December, 1888, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage with Miss Eva Fuller, of Sac City, Iowa. Mrs. Roberts was born in Momence, Kankakee county, Illinois, was the daughter of William and Catherine Fuller, natives of Indiana and Kentucky, who at an early day moved to Illinois, making their home in Kankakee county, Illinois, until 1881, when they moved to Iowa. Mr. Fuller died June 18,

1895, his wife following him December 1, 1897. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary four years before Mr. Fuller's death. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were the parents of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Roberts is the youngest child. Our subject and wife have two children, Irene and Gladys. Fraternally Mr. Roberts is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors.



GODFREY P. TEEPLE.

Godfrey P. Teeple, who belongs to the oldest family of Sharon township, was born on the farm where he now resides, April 9, 1854, and is to-day the oldest native resident of the township. His parents, Luther and Charlotte (Smith) Teeple, were born, reared and married in Canada, and in 1848 came to this county, being the first to locate in Sharon township. The father entered a tract of government land on section 10, and in 1849 built the first frame house in the township, and in 1851 erected the first frame barn, the settlers coming from miles around to be present at the raising, both of which buildings are now standing. Here he run a tavern, it being the half-way house between Dubuque and Iowa City, and all of the early settlers living in this part of the county stopped there on their arrival in the county. Mr. Teeple also engaged in farming and served as tax collector, carrying the money obtained on horseback to DeWitt. He continued to reside upon his farm, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest, July 31, 1896. His wife died July 26, 1890. They were the parents of five children, namely: Godfrey P., our subject; Charles P., a resident of Wilton Junction, Iowa; Angeline, wife

of Sherman Teeple, of Mechanicsville, Iowa; Maria, a resident of Keystone, this state; and Albert, of Long Grove, Iowa.

In 1849-50 the old homestead of Mr. Teeple was used as a camping place for the numerous parties en route to the gold fields of California. It was also used as headquarters for outfitting parties which went west from this section. In those days it became one of the most noted places west of the Mississippi, as travelers would journey till midnight and often later so as to camp at what was known far and near as South Grove. As everyone knows, the old homestead stands on the old territorial road, which runs in the same direction to-day, with all its crooks and turns, as it did in those early days.

In 1866 the mother of our subject secured an engagement with the Yankee Robinson Shows, being advertised as Madam Moxley, the English Giantess, the largest woman in the world. For twenty years she traveled over the United States and Canada and her name became a household word from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the gulf to the great northwest.

Our subject received his education in the public schools of this county, and Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. He began his business career as a farmer in Sharon township, and after leaving his parents he bought six hundred acres of land in Jackson county, near the Sharon township line, where he resided for sixteen years. On selling that place he purchased another farm in Jackson county, where he continued to live until 1900, and then returned to the old Teeple homestead, where he was born. Here he owns two hundred and sixty acres of fine farming land, and also has one hundred and sixty acres in Osceola county, Iowa, and sixty acres in Jackson county. He fol-

lows general farming, and is also interested in the raising and breeding of cattle.

In 1876 Mr. Teeple married Miss Elizabeth Myatt, a daughter of Richard Myatt, now deceased, who was also an early settler of Sharon township, and was a farmer and local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children, Charlotte and Leone. By his ballot Mr. Teeple supports the Republican party and its principles. During his long residence in this section of the state he has witnessed the marvelous transformation that has taken place, and as a generous, liberal-minded and progressive citizen has aided in its development. He receives and merits the high regard of the entire community, and has many friends throughout Clinton and Jackson counties.

WILLIAM W. HAZEN.

For about forty-five years this gentleman has now been a resident of Clinton county, Iowa, and during the greater part of that time has made his home upon his present farm on section 24, Spring Rock township. He was born in Windham county, Connecticut, April 5, 1829, and is a son of Prosper and Hannah E. (Stanton) Hazen, also natives of the Nutmeg state. His father, who was born about 1800, followed farming throughout life, and died in Connecticut at the age of forty-five years. The mother subsequently married again and later came west, spending her last days in Clinton county, Iowa, where she departed this life at the age of fifty-six years, a devoted mother and an eminent Christian woman. By her first union she had three children.

Mr. Hazen spent the first sixteen years

of his life in Connecticut, and then made his home in Providence, Rhode Island, for six years, after which he returned to his native state. There he learned the blacksmith's and machinist's trade. He worked a number of years in the machine shops of the Windham Company, at Williamantic, and later for some years was in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company at Bridgeport, Connecticut. On Christmas day, 1856, he came west, landing in Rock Island, whence he came to Clinton county, Iowa. For two years he operated his mother's farm in Olive township, and then purchased forty acres of his present place on section 24, Spring Rock township, later adding to it another forty-acre tract, which he still owns. This was all wild timber land when it came into his possession, but he has cleared it and placed it under cultivation. He has erected a good residence and other buildings, and now has a well improved land. He carries on general farming and also gives some attention to the raising of stock.

In 1860 Mr. Hazen was united in marriage with Miss Phoebe A. Mowry, a daughter of Rev. J. S. Mowry, now deceased, who was an old and highly respected citizen of Olive township, having located here in 1851. Of the four children born to our subject and his wife, one died in infancy, unnamed, and the others are as follows: (1) Brightie Estella, born in Olive township, October 2, 1862, is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence, and is an excellent and successful teacher. She was educated at Hillsdale College, Michigan, and is now teaching in the public schools of Welton, this county. (2) Cortland Reuben, born in Spring Rock township, December 22, 1866, was also educated at Hillsdale College, and

taught school in this county for some time, but for the past year has engaged in farming upon his father's place. (3) Ernest Cook, born February 22, 1874, assists his brother in the work of the home farm.

Mr. Hazen was formerly identified with the Beuna Vista Baptist church, but now holds membership in the Methodist church of Calamus. He has through his life been a very strong temperance man, both in practice and belief. Since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, he has affiliated with the Republican party, and he has been called upon to fill the offices of constable, road master and school director. In early life he taught school in his township and has always taken an active interest in educational affairs. He himself has a good education and is well informed on current events and the leading questions and issues of the day. He is public-spirited and enterprising and advocates all that tends to advance the interests of the community in which he lives.

CLAUS HANSEN.

Claus Hansen, a representative farmer of Deep Creek township, residing on section 32, was born in Holstein, Germany, on the 4th of December, 1842, a son of Jerry and Anna (Nitert) Hansen, who were also natives of that country. There the father spent his entire life. In 1866 the mother came to America, and has since made her home with our subject. She was born March 28, 1812, and although nearly ninety years of age she is still quite active. In the family were nine children, five of whom came to this country, but only three

are now living, namely: Mary, wife of Dudley Paysen, of Clinton; Peter, who wedded Mary Myers and lives near Lyons; and Claus, our subject.

Mr. Hansen, of this review, spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native land, and in 1864 came alone to America by steamer, it requiring thirteen days to cross the water from Hamburg to New York. From the latter city he proceeded at once to Davenport, Iowa, and from there came by stage to Lyons, Clinton county. After working as a farm hand for twelve years he purchased eighty acres of swamp land on section 32, Deep Creek township, in 1876, and at length converted his place into a well cultivated farm. Later he bought another eighty-acre tract, and to-day has one of the best farms of its size in the township, it being improved with good and substantial buildings.

On the 13th of October, 1877, Mr. Hansen wedded Miss Mary Ploag, also a native of Holstein, Germany, and a daughter of Frederick and Julia (Litchers) Ploag. The father died in that country at the age of sixty-six years, and in 1881 the mother came to the new world, where she died, her remains being interred in the Hansen cemetery, Deep Creek township. It was in May, 1877, that Mrs. Hansen crossed the Atlantic from Hamburg to New York City and came to Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children: Annie, now a resident of Clinton; a son who died in infancy, and his twin brother, John, at home; Emma, who has taken up the study of German in a private school in Charlotte; and William, at home.

Mr. Hansen uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never cared for political preferment. He and his family

are members of the German Lutheran church at Charlotte, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

JACOB BOLLINGER.

Jacob Bollinger, deceased, was one of the representative farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Bloomfield township. He was a native of Switzerland, born January 8, 1831, and a son of Leonard and Barbara Bollinger, who spent their entire lives in that country as farming people. The father died in 1871, aged sixty years, the mother in 1876, aged seventy-five. In their family were eight children, all of whom were reared in Switzerland with the exception of our subject. The only one now living is Leonard, who continues to make his home in that country.

The subject of this sketch attended the district schools of his native land until fifteen years of age, and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. At the age of twenty he emigrated to the new world, and on landing in New York proceeded at once to Ohio, where he worked as a farm hand for about five years. From there he went to Clark county, Indiana, where he was similarly employed.

In Clark county Mr. Bollinger was married, September 11, 1857, to Miss Anna Miller, who was also born in Switzerland, on the 11th of January, 1839, and in 1851 came to the United States with her parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth Miller, also natives of Switzerland. They crossed the Atlantic from Havre, France, on *The Harvest*, a sailing vessel, and after a good voyage of fifty-three days landed in New Orleans. The weather was so warm that on New Year's day it was uncomfortable on board the ship. At New Orleans they took a steamer up the



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Mississippi river to Louisville, Kentucky, where the daughters secured work, while the father and mother went across the river into Indiana, where they bought a farm of eighty acres, making it their home for twenty-five years. There the mother died about 1878, after which the father lived with his children until he, too, was called to his final rest, in 1884. They had two sons and four daughters, namely: Simon, who married Theresa Howes, and lives in Clark county, Indiana; Anna, widow of our subject; Barbara, wife of William Lantz, of Clark county, Indiana; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Eichley, of Louisville, Kentucky; Lena, who has been married three times, her first husband being a Mr. Stumpf, the second Charles Menhardt, and the third Francis Shollenberger, of Maquoketa, Iowa; and John a leading dry-goods merchant of Louisville, Kentucky.

After his marriage Mr. Bollinger rented a farm of eighty acres in Clark county, Indiana, for two years, and subsequently rented another farm for ten years. At the end of that time he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of land in Bloomfield township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies for seventeen years. On selling that place he bought the farm of ninety acres on section 6, Bloomfield township, which is now owned by their son, Leonard. Later he bought fifty acres on the same section, and made many improvements upon his place, including the erection of a good house and barn.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger were born eight children, as follows: Elizabeth became the wife of Henry Ebersole, a farmer of Bloomfield township; Edward married Emma Davis, and lives in Delmar; Lydia is the wife of Samuel Barrick, of O'Brien coun-

ty, Iowa; Jacob married Julia Schemp, and lives in Fulton, Jackson county, Iowa; Anna is the wife of Daniel Kaufman, of Bloomfield township, this county; Henry married Agnes Shultz, and makes his home near Edgewood, Iowa; Katie is the wife of George Siddle, who lives on a farm near Delmar, Bloomfield township, Clinton county; and Leonard married Leafie Baker, and resides on the homestead farm.

Mr. Bollinger died on the 8th of December, 1883, and was laid to rest in the Union church cemetery. He was a minister of the German Baptist church, and held an appointment at Fulton, Jackson county, Iowa. In politics he was a Republican. For many years he labored with all the strength of a great nature and all the earnestness of a true heart for the bettering of the world about him; and when he was called to the rest and reward of the higher world his best monument was found in the love and respect of the community in which he lived.

JAMES HANEY.

This well-known citizen of Bloomfield township, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising on section thirty-three, is a native of this county, born March 12, 1866. His parents, William and Sarah (Forsyth) Haney, were born, reared and married in Shelby county, Ohio, where they made their home until coming to Iowa, in the spring of 1865. The father following farming and was also engaged in breeding, buying, selling and feeding cattle. On reaching this county, he purchased a farm of eighty acres, in Bloomfield township, but sold that place two years later, and bought over one hundred acres of land north of Maquoketa, in Jackson county, on which he lived one

year. On disposing of that farm he rented a place two and a half miles north of Elwood, and worked by the month for Kinzie Elwood buying cattle and hogs one year. In 1870 he returned to Bloomfield township, this county, and bought one hundred and seven acres of land on section thirty-three, and continued to successfully operate it until 1893, when he retired from active labor and removed to Welton, Iowa, where he owns a good home. As a Democrat, he has taken an active interest in political affairs, and has been called upon to fill a number of local offices, including those of township trustee and president of the school board. His wife died on the 31st of July, 1896, and was buried in Welton cemetery.

James Haney received his early education in the district schools of Bloomfield township, which he attended until seventeen years of age, and later took a course in a business college at Davenport. On the 16th of March, 1892, in Bloomfield township, he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Sidle, who was also born in this county, December 21, 1873, and is a daughter of John Sidle, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. By this union were born six children, as follows: Tamar, who was born January 26, 1893, and died January 14, 1898; Nellie, born January 24, 1894; James, born October 31, 1895; a son, who was born November 3, 1896, and died March 8, 1897; Agnes, born September 16, 1899; and a child, unnamed, born January 8, 1901.

After his marriage Mr. Haney rented his father's farm, and has since successfully engaged in its cultivation. He also raises, buys and sells, cattle, horses and hogs, and finds that business quite profitable. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and he always takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs.

WARREN B. HENYAN.

Among the worthy citizens of Clinton who are in some way connected with the railroad interests of this state, is W. B. Henyan, who for twenty years has been a most faithful and capable employe of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. He was born on the 1st of October, 1861, three miles east of Solon, Johnson county, Iowa, in an old log house, which was built by his grandfather, Bradford Henyan, who located there in 1842, being one of the first three settlers taking up his residence in that section of the state. At that time the nearest gristmills and trading boats were at Dubuque, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois, and the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers. By occupation the grandfather was a farmer, and prior to coming to Iowa he followed that pursuit in Indiana. There he married his wife, who died in 1901, having long survived her husband, his death occurring in 1879.

The parents of our subject were O. C. and Clarissa (Styles) Henyan, both of whom were natives of Johnson county, the former being born in the same house where our subject's birth occurred, while the latter was born three miles north of that place. She died in 1881, but the father is still living, and now makes his home in Clinton county. Their children were: W. B., of this review; G. W., who is now in the employ of the Southern Texas Railroad; Alice, wife of A. Jennings, Perry, Iowa; L. S., a brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; Mary, wife of Charles Ott, Jr.; and C. O., a farmer of Rock Island county, Illinois.

W. B. Henyan passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Johnson and Iowa counties, and is indebted to their public

schools for his educational privileges. His early life being spent upon a farm, he assisted in its operation, and later clerked in the Gillen House, at Anamosa, until 1881, when, on account of ill health, he was obliged to resign his position. He then entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company as brakeman on the Midland division, running from Clinton to Anamosa, but sixty days later was transferred to the main line from Clinton to Belle Plaine, Iowa. At that time it was the rule of the road that no train should be run down hill faster than fifteen miles an hour. On the 15th of September, 1884, Mr. Henyan was promoted to conductor, and was on the run to Belle Plaine until the division was changed, and since then his run has been from Clinton to Boone. He has now had a regular freight run for thirteen years, with the exception of the time he was running a passenger train during the World's Fair, in 1893. He was in one rear end collision but escaped uninjured, and has never been disabled for service during his entire railroad career, except two weeks.

September 14, 1887, Mr. Henyan was married to Miss Amanda Ott, a native of Clinton, and a daughter of Charles Ott, of that place. Mr. Ott was born in Switzerland, but came to the United States when but ten years of age, and to Clinton county in 1866. He married Emma Peterson, at Geneva, Illinois, who was born in Sweden, but who was brought to this country a child of nine years, the family locating in Geneva, Illinois. For many years he was in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, but for the last twenty-five years he has been in the transfer business at Clinton, where he still resides.

Since 1884 Mr. Henyan has been a member of the Order of Railway Conductors,

and has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1894. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a great lover of dogs and horses and athletic sports.

During his connection with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Mr. Henyan has made it his rule to care for the company's property as though it were his own, and in doing this has won credit for himself and the gratitude of the corporation. He further holds that no man can be addicted to the use of intoxicants and give his employers the best benefits of his service, and a man who drinks does an injustice to his employers as well as to himself and family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Henyan are members of the Baptist church.

JOSEPH B. HALL.

Among the leading railroad men of Clinton is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He is a native of Illinois, born in Whiteside county, February 10, 1856. His father, Nelson Hall, who was a native of Indiana, located in Whiteside county in the early '40s, and when the railroad was built through Galt, he opened the first general store at that place, conducting the same for some years. By trade, however, he was a miller. He was married in Galt to Miss Hannah Tnyke, a native of Pennsylvania, and to them were born four sons, two of whom died in childhood. Those living are: Frank, still a resident of Galt, Illinois; and Joseph B., our subject. The parents had both been previously married, and by the first union the father had two children: Electa, wife of Mr. Ferguson, a farmer, living near Lyndon, Illinois; and

Charles W., who has made his home in Clinton, Iowa, since 1878, and is now a baggage man on the road between that place and Boone. By her first marriage the mother of our subject had two sons: John and Nathaniel Vernon, but both are now deceased. She died in August, 1883, at the age of sixty-six years, and the father passed away at the age of seventy-nine. He was one of the honored pioneers and representative citizens of Galt, and a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, but never aspired to office.

During his boyhood and youth, Joseph B. Hall attended the public schools of Galt, until about eighteen years of age, and in 1876 he and his brother, Frank, came to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, where their father owned land, which they operated together for two years. Our subject next went to Grant county, Minnesota, where he followed farming until 1880, and then came to Clinton, Iowa. Here he found employment as brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway until September 17, 1881, when he was promoted to conductor and given a run between Clinton and Belle Plaine, and since the division was changed, his run has been between Clinton and Boone. He is now conductor on the California Special going west, and on No. 26, an Omaha meat train, coming east. Since he began his railroad career he has never met with any injury. When he first went upon the road there were no air-brakes on the cars or engines, and he has seen many improvements made in railroading.

At Mason City, Iowa, in 1878, Mr. Hall married Miss Ella L. Van Wie, who was born in Adams county, Wisconsin, October 6, 1857, and was educated at Mason City, Iowa. Unto them were born five children, but Fred C. was drowned August 17, 1892,

at the age of ten years. Those living are: Edgar M., a brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, who is married, and has one daughter, Florence; Grace, wife of Samuel Wilson, who is employed in a button factory; Mabel, now thirteen years of age; and Lillian, aged eleven years. The two younger are now attending school in Davenport.

Since 1886 Mr. Hall has been a member of Lincoln Lodge, No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has also taken the Rebekah degrees of that order. He belongs to Division No. 33, Order of the Red Cross, in which he has held office at various times, and is quite prominent in fraternal circles.

CAPTAIN BRANSON F. HALLEY.

Among those who so valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war was this well-known veterinary surgeon of DeWitt, who has successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at this place for twenty-two years. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 8th of September, 1839, a son of John and Harriet (Shamblin) Halley. His paternal grandfather was Nathaniel Halley, a pioneer of Washington county, Ohio, and his maternal grandfather was William Shamblin, another early settler of the Buckeye state, who was from Virginia. In 1850 the father of our subject removed with his family to Iowa, and settled in Jackson county, where he opened up and improved a farm, making his home there for many years. His last years, however, were spent in Manning, Iowa, where he died, in 1897. His wife survived him two years, passing away in July, 1899.

Captain Halley was a child of eleven years when the family came to this state, and he grew to manhood upon the old home farm in Jackson county, receiving a fair education in the common schools of that county and in the high school of Maquoketa. He remained with his father until the south attempted to secede, when he determined to strike a blow for the Union. On the 1st of August, 1861, he enlisted in Company L, Second Iowa Cavalry, which became a part of the Sixteenth Army Corps, and he participated in the battle of Island No. 10, after which he went, with his command, to East Port and Chickasaw. He was in both battles of Corinth, and the engagements of Iuka and Holly Springs; the big charge at Farmington; and later helped drive General Forrest out of Memphis. Subsequently he took part in the battle of Coffeyville, Mississippi. Captain Halley entered the service as a private, but was soon promoted to second sergeant, and served in that capacity for some time. Later he was detailed to raise a company of colored troops, and at its organization was elected second lieutenant. Subsequently he was detailed on General Bowdon's staff, and after being with him for about a year, was on the staff of General Alexander until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged, at Morganza Bend, Louisiana, March 17, 1865. During his entire service he was never confined in a hospital, and lost little time from illness or other causes. He received one thirty-day furlough, of which he spent ten days at home, and then returned, as his services were needed.

Prior to entering the army, Captain Halley studied medicine, with Dr. Cook, for one year, and on his return from the war took up the study of veterinary surgery. Later he engaged in practice at his home,

in Maquoketa, Jackson county, until 1875, when he removed to Scott county, Iowa, and was engaged in practice there for four years. At the end of that time he came to Clinton county, and has since been in practice at DeWitt, where he is acknowledged to be one of the best and most successful veterinary surgeons in this section of the state. He is one of the self-made men of the county, having through his own well-directed efforts acquired a comfortable home and competence.

At Carroll, Iowa, December 27, 1898, Captain Halley was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Prendergast, who was born in Indiana, but reared in this state, her father being William Prendergast, of DeWitt. William Prendergast was born at the old Tower, in London, June 27, 1828. At the age of nineteen he came to the United States, permanently locating at Ogdensburg, New York. He later came west, and married Mary J. Tyler, at Joliet, Illinois. He was a shoemaker by trade, and for the last third of a century has lived in Iowa. His wife died January 1, 1889. In his political affiliations the Captain has been a life-long Republican, having cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln, in 1860. He is an honored member of the Grand Army Post at DeWitt, and is now serving as senior vice. He was a brave and fearless soldier on fields of battle, and in all the relations of life has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him.

JOHN A. HOLSAPLE.

Prominent among the honored pioneers and representative citizens of Clinton county is this well-known contractor and builder of DeWitt. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th

of July, 1817,—a day so dear to the hearts of all true Americans. The Holsaple family is of German origin and was founded in this country by John Adam Holsaple, who emigrated to the new world in 1620, being one of the passengers who came over in the *Mayflower* and landed at Plymouth Rock on the 20th of June, that year. Our subject is of the eighth generation in direct descent from this worthy Pilgrim father. He has in his possession a chest and other articles, kept as souvenirs, which were brought to this country by his ancestors at that time and have passed down from father to son for nearly three hundred years. He also has a book published in Germany in the language of that country in 1618, and also has a copy of a will made there in 1691, through which he has ample and sufficient proof that he is one of the heirs to a large estate in Germany.

John A. Holsaple, the father of our subject, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1795, and was a son of a Pennsylvanian, who also bore the name of John A. Holsaple. The latter fought for the independence of the colonies in the Revolutionary war, as did also his three brothers. On reaching man's estate the father of our subject was married in York county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Siloma Kneisley, who was born in Washington county, that state, March 8, 1795. In early life he worked at the stone mason's trade. He was a man of superior education and for some time was employed as a professor in Dickerson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, teaching Latin and Greek and also higher mathematics. Later he was elected and served as county recorder and treasurer, and also filled other positions of honor and trust. He came to Iowa and spent his last years in Monmouth, Jackson county,

where he died July 12, 1856. His wife passed away in Pennsylvania in 1840.

The subject of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth in York and Cumberland counties of his native state. His school privileges were very limited, but he always made the most of his advantages, and through his own unaided efforts has acquired an excellent education since reaching years of maturity. He reads both English and German and is the possessor of a fine library of over three hundred volumes, some of which are very old and rare, being over one hundred and fifty years old. Mr. Holsaple is also a great newspaper reader and takes over a dozen papers constantly. His mind is very active and he has a most excellent memory. He is a fine penman, and during his younger years wrote a beautiful hand.

When a lad of twelve years Mr. Holsaple was bound out to learn the stone mason's trade for six summers, and in the meantime he worked at type setting in a printing office two winters, and also spent the same length of time in learning the tailor's trade, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Military affairs have always had an attraction for him, and in 1837 he served three months in what was known as the Buckshot war in Pennsylvania. In 1840 he joined the regular United States army and assisted in removing the remnant of two Indian tribes from Indiana to St. Louis. He also served nine months in the Florida war. In 1846 he enlisted in Captain John F. Hunter's company for service in the Mexican war, and was commissioned second lieutenant. He was detailed to do mason work on the barracks at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and after three years' service at that place was honorably discharged.

In the fall of 1849 Mr. Holsaple came

to Iowa, crossing the river at Savannah, Illinois. He first located in Jackson county, and from there came to DeWitt, Clinton county, where he worked for a short time, but subsequently spent two years in Savannah, Illinois, working at his trade, though his family continued to live in DeWitt. Since then he has spent most of his time in the latter place, and has erected most of the brick buildings here. In 1853 he built the old court house at DeWitt, and has erected a number of business blocks in Maquoketa.

When the south attempted to secede, Mr. Holsaple once more entered the military service of his country, enlisting on the 9th of August, 1862, in Company H, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was placed on detached duty in the commissary department under Quartermaster Flint, owing to his superior penmanship. He enlisted for three years, but was discharged in March, 1865, at Davenport, on account of disability, after having spent about three months in the hospital. Ill health prevented him from engaging in any business for two years, but at the end of that time he resumed work at his trade, and was for many years one of the leading masons and contractors in this section of the county.

On the 29th of December, 1842, Mr. Holsaple was married in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to Miss Henrietta Stook, a native of Chester county, that state, who died in DeWitt, Iowa, July 16, 1868. Of the three children born of that union Mary, the oldest, wedded William Lefever, of Philadelphia. The two sons, John A. and William, both died in infancy. Mr. Holsaple was again married in DeWitt, November 2, 1868, his second union being with Mary Robb, who was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, October 26, 1836, and is a daughter of James Robb,

one of the early settlers of this county. She was principally reared in La Salle county, Illinois, and first gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Spaulding, a farmer of Clinton county, Iowa. Her second husband was Hiram Van Alstine, who was a member of Company A, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war and died in the service.

Originally Mr. Holsaple was an abolitionist, as was his father and grandfather before him, and has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since its organization, though his first presidential vote was cast for General Jackson, the Democratic candidate. He has never missed a presidential election since that time. Religiously he is a faithful and consistent member of the Christian church, and fraternally is a member of the Grand Army Post of DeWitt, and Right Hand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. During his residence in Pennsylvania he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is now an Ancient Odd Fellow. For half a century he has been prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of this county and is numbered among its most highly respected and honored citizens. His patriotism and loyalty are above question, having been manifest by his service in several wars, where if need be he was willing to give his life for his country.

Since the foregoing was written Mr. Holsaple passed to his reward, dying July 9, 1901, after an illness of several weeks. He was buried with Masonic and G. A. R. honors.

JOSEPH A. KELLY.

Joseph A. Kelly is the senior member of the firm of J. A. Kelly & Brothers, manufacturers of furniture in Clinton. The in-

dustry of which he is the head is one of the leading enterprises of the city and Mr. Kelly belongs to that class of men who, while promoting their individual success, contribute in a large measure to the general prosperity of the community in which they reside. Keen discrimination and sound business judgment have been salient features in his prosperous career, and his life illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when honesty and perseverance form the keynote to a man's character.

Mr. Kelly was born in Philadelphia on the 7th of August, 1855, and is a son of William and Ellen (Morris) Kelly. The former a native of Newburg, New York, while the latter was born in Inniskillen, county Fermanagh, Ireland, and came to America when a little maiden of ten years with an older sister. They took up their abode in Philadelphia and there the parents of our subject celebrated their marriage. The father is a contractor and builder by trade, but for some years has lived retired, enjoying a well-earned competence. Both he and his wife are residents of Clinton. He was actively identified with the building interests of Philadelphia until 1870, when he came west, taking up his abode in this city, where he followed contracting and building on an extensive scale until 1890, when he put aside business cares to enjoy a well-merited rest. He was born in 1828, his wife in 1829, and therefore both have passed the semi-span of three score years and ten. In the evening of life they are surrounded with many comforts as a result of their labor and they also enjoy the high regard of many friends. In their family were four sons, who now constitute the firm of J. A. Kelly & Brothers, and two sisters, namely: Mary, the wife of J.

M. Wright, and Ella, the wife of William Lawler, of Marquette, Michigan.

In taking up the personal history of J. A. Kelly, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in the city of his adoption. He pursued his early education in the public schools of Philadelphia and later continued his studies in the schools of Clinton. On entering upon an independent business career he engaged in the manufacture of spring beds, joining his father, who was also interested in the same line of business. He became connected with the industry in 1879 and in 1885 he extended the field of his labors by embarking in the manufacture of furniture, while in 1890 the present company, carrying on business under the firm name of J. A. Kelly & Brothers, was organized. Two years later the business was incorporated with Joseph A. Kelly as president, Peter H. Kelly as vice-president, Thomas F. Kelly as secretary, and William J. Kelly as treasurer.

In 1880 Joseph A. Kelly had entered into partnership with Mr. Heminway, a relation that was maintained until 1890. The plant has been located at the present site since 1892. The factory is fifty-five by one hundred and fifty feet and three stories in height, and employment is furnished to about one hundred workmen. They manufacture many kinds of furniture, including couches, davenport, chairs and kitchen cabinets, but their specialty is upholstered furniture. The building is located at the corner of Eleventh avenue and Fifteenth street and is well equipped with the latest improved machinery for turning out first-class work. The house is represented on the road by six traveling salesmen and the goods are sold directly to retail furniture dealers. When Mr. Kelly began business he carried

on his operations on a small scale, but now makes extensive shipments to all parts of the United States. Many of the products of the house are patented and include the patented Imperial reclining chair, which is manufactured in several styles, and the patent safety bed. They also manufacture a full line of couches of about one hundred designs of high quality. They also manufacture a pool table, which is sold only to jobbers, about one hundred of these being disposed of each month. The business has grown in volume and importance from the beginning and has now assumed extensive proportions. It has become one of the leading industries in this portion of Iowa and is of far reaching business influence, in fact it furnishes employment to a large force of workmen, thus placing in their hands the means of livelihood.

December 30, 1884, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kelly and Miss Mary Maloney, a native of Chicago. The wedding was celebrated in New Orleans and has been blessed with three children: Harold, Paul and Geraldine. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly occupy an enviable position in social circles and their home is celebrated for its gracious hospitality. As a citizen, Mr. Kelly is public-spirited and earnestly co-operates in many movements and measures which have for their object the general welfare. The greater part of his attention, however, is devoted to his business interests. He forms his plans readily, is determined in their execution and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. There is no trace of the over-bearing task-master in him, for kindness and courtesy mark his intercourse with his employes and no one entertains for him higher regard than the men who work under him.

FRED SCHRADER.

Fred Schrader, an energetic and prosperous farmer of Clinton county, was born in Germany, February 25, 1853. His parents, Fred and Lena (Steve) Schrader, were also natives of Germany, and in 1869 they crossed the Atlantic to New York in a sailing vessel, "The Bavaria," consuming seven weeks and three days in the voyage. They came to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, where John Luckstedt took them, with team, to his home, where they remained about a month. Mr. Schrader worked for Mr. Steinburg from March to July, and while there received a sunstroke at 11:30 A. M., July, 1869. He was buried about two miles north of Charlotte. His wife survived him many years, her death occurring September 4, 1884. She was laid to rest by her husband's side. Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schrader: Sophia, who died at the age of eighteen, in Germany; Fred, of this review; Annie, who died at the age of two years, in Germany; Charles, whose death occurred at the age of one year, in Germany; and Mary, who married Hans Jergueson. Mr. Jergueson, having died in Charlotte, she married Inger Anderson, who resides in Charlotte. She has two children by her first union, and four by the second.

Fred Schrader received his education in the schools of Germany until fifteen years of age, when he came to America, with his parents, locating in Lyons. He went to work as a farm hand for Fred Brockman, remaining there one year. He then worked two years on another farm, and then returned to Mr. Brockman for one year. During the two succeeding years he worked for Henry Ferring, after which he returned

again to Mr. Brockman for another year's work. During this time he repaid Mr. Luckstedt the balance of the passage money he had advanced to our subject's father, to bring him and his family to America, as his father died before it was all paid. He then rented a farm of eighty acres in section eight, of Waterford township, where his mother kept house for him until he married. He was united in marriage June 26, 1878, to Miss Catherine Johansan, a native of Germany, born Christmas day, 1854. Her parents were Jensen and Catherine Margaret Johansan, both of whom were born and died in Germany. Mrs. Schrader was one of a family of four children, namely: John, a sailor on the sea, who lived in Germany. He has not been heard from lately; Chris, a retired farmer and miller, residing in Crawford county; Catherine; Julie, who was born in Germany, and died at the age of two years.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Schrader has been blessed with ten children: Ferdinand, born August 3, 1878, and who is employed in managing the farm of Theo. Goldman, of Bloomfield township; Henry, born September 25, 1879; John, born December 3, 1881; Annie, born December 14, 1883; Charles, born May 7, 1885; Barney, born February 28, 1887; Maggie, born January 28, 1889; Marks, born September 27, 1891; Clara, born June 4, 1895; and Mamie, born September 24, 1898. Mr. Schrader began his married life on a rented farm, but after a year had passed he bought the farm, and has added to it, until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres of the best improved land. The comfortable homestead and substantial barns and outbuildings are evidences of his success, and he is well-known as a generous and progressive farmer throughout the community. He takes an

active interest in public affairs, although he has no desire to hold office, having refused several nominations, preferring to devote his time and attention to his farm interests. Mr. Schrader is a stanch Democrat, and believes that America leads all other countries. He is a member of the German Lutheran church at Charlotte, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and The Court of Honor.

NILS PETERSEN.

Nils Petersen, who owns and occupies a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section fifteen, Olive township, was born in Norway, on the 18th of January, 1832, a son of Peter and Mattie H. (Presthous) Petersen. The father, who was a successful farmer of that country, died at the age of seventy years, the mother at the age of eighty-five.

In the land of his birth our subject grew to manhood, and there he was married, in the spring of 1856, to Miss Carrie Hanson, also a native of Norway, where her parents spent their entire lives. Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Petersen came to the United States, and first located in Kendall county, Illinois, where they spent three years. In the spring of 1859 they came to Iowa, with ox teams, and took up their residence on section twenty-two, Olive township, Clinton county, where Mr. Petersen purchased forty acres of wild land, which he at once commenced to break and improve, after building a house for the accommodation of his family. Subsequently he sold that place and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on section fifteen, the same township, which is now under a high state of cultivation. He has

made many improvements in his residence, has erected a large and substantial barn and other outbuildings, and now has one of the most attractive farms in his locality. In addition to general farming he engages in stock raising to some extent.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were born eight children, but four died in infancy, and Peter, who was the oldest of the family, died at the age of twenty-one years. Those living are as follows: (1) Hans, born in Olive township, is now a progressive and prosperous farmer, living in the Red river valley, Norman county, Minnesota. He married Libbie Johnson, daughter of George Johnson, who was formerly a resident of Olive township, this county, and they have seven children: Cornelius, Bertha, Carrie, George, Leona, Laura and Annie, all born in Minnesota. (2) Samuel, who is employed in a store in Horace, North Dakota, married Bertha Johnson, a sister of Hans' wife, and they have two children: Nels and Beatrice, both born in Pearly, Minnesota. (3) Cornelius resides on the home farm, with his father, and now has charge of the place. He married Ada Hayes, a daughter of Jonathan Hayes, of Olive township, and they have five children: Clara, Magnus, Irene, Lillian and Nils J. Mrs. Petersen died in 1891, at the age of sixty-five years. She was a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, for her Christian character and many estimable qualities. She was a devout member of the Lutheran church, and took an active part in its work. She is not only missed by her immediate family, but by a large circle of friends who still mourn her loss. Her remains were interred in the church cemetery of Olive township.

For many years Mr. Petersen has also been an active and influential member of the

Lutheran church, and has served as deacon for over a third of a century. He assisted in building the church in Olive township, and was its treasurer for some years. He held the office of township trustee nine years; has been a member of the grand jury of the county a number of times; and has often been called upon to administer large estates, his fellow citizens having the utmost confidence in his integrity and business ability. He has held other positions of trust and responsibility, and has filled the office of school trustee. He takes a commendable interest in the welfare of the community in which he resides, and is highly respected by all who know him. Mr. Petersen is now practically living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest. In the spring of 1893 he returned to Norway. His parents were dead, but he visited his brother and other relatives, and remained there one year. He then returned to his home in Iowa, where he expects to spend the remainder of his life. He is greatly devoted to his family and enjoys having them near him.

CHRISTIAN BRATTHANER.

For many years the subject of this sketch was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Deep Creek township, his home being on section 7, and he was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was born in Germany, in 1819, and came to this country about 1850. Deciding to make his home in Clinton county, Iowa, he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land on section 7, Deep Creek township, which he converted into a fine farm, making his home thereon until called to his final rest on the 10th of September, 1873.

Mr. Bratthamer was married in June, 1856, to Miss Minnie Plough, who is also a native of Germany, born November 16, 1839, and is a daughter of Ernest and Henrietta (Schelka) Plough. Her mother, who was born December 23, 1814, now makes her home with her in Deep Creek township. She is the oldest in a family of five children, the others being Dora, wife of Henry Myer, a resident of Preston, Jackson county, Iowa; Ernest, who married Louise Koltza, and is engaged in farming in Crawford county, Iowa; Henrietta, wife of Fritz Bucholtz, of Buena Vista county, Iowa; and Caroline, wife of Hans Moore, of Jackson county.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bratthamer, namely: (1) August, a machinist by trade, wedded Mary Mesenbrink, now deceased, and he died in Crawford county, Iowa, July 22, 1900, at the age of forty-three years, leaving five children: Menna, who lives with Mrs. Bratthamer; Etta, a resident of Crawford county; Lee, who lives with Mrs. Bratthamer; Louis, a resident of Preston, Jackson county; and Frank, of Crawford county. (2) Henry, a farmer of Monona county, Iowa, married Ida Petersen, and they have nine children: Anna, Hubert, Ella, Henry, William, Lilly, Honnes, Diedrick and Louis. (3) Minnie is the wife of Martin Petersen, of Preston, Jackson county, and they have five children: Gustine, Emma, Martin, Minnie and Fern. (4) Herman, a resident of Deep Creek township, wedded Mary Broderson, and they have three children: Romy, Orpha, and Lloyd. (5) William, a resident of Crawford county, married Emma Fehmerling, and they have five children: Lula, Edna, Martin, Charles and Anna. (6) Emma is the wife of Julius Broderson, of Charlotte, Iowa, and they have five children: Minnie, John, Lilly, Myrtle and Hilda. (7) Louis, who lives

with his mother on the home farm, married Dora Moore, and they have one child: Le Roy. (8) Charles is also at home. (9) Anna died at the age of three years.

The old home farm is now owned and successfully operated by Louis and Charles. The family hold membership in the German Lutheran church at Charlotte, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them. In his political affiliations Mr. Bratthamer was a Democrat, and he always took an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He was a very successful farmer, a man of good business and executive ability, and as a citizen was ever ready to discharge any duty which devolved upon him.

JUSTUS M. MURRAY.

One of the most practical, enterprising and successful agriculturists of Berlin township is Justus M. Murray, who owns and operates an excellent farm of two hundred acres on sections nineteen and twenty. He was born on the 14th of May, 1850, in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Dr. George and Margery (Gilfilan) Murray, natives of Pittsburg and New Castle, respectively, and both of Scotch descent. The father was educated for the medical profession at Cincinnati, Ohio, and engaged in practice at New Castle, Pennsylvania, from 1848 until 1855, when he removed to Maquoketa, Iowa, and followed the same pursuit there until his death, in 1882. He was a successful practitioner, and was a man of prominence in his community. He was a relative of Colonel Williamson, who was in command at Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburg, during the war of 1812. The mother of our subject is still living, at Maquoketa, and although seventy-two years of age, enjoys good health.

Margery Gilfilan was a daughter of James Gilfilan, who was a relative of James Gilfilan that served as United States treasurer, and was also a lineal descendant of Hugh Miller, the Scotch poet and geologist.

Justus M. Murray is the oldest in a family of four children, the others being as follows: (2) James William, a dentist of Maquoketa, married Edna Heustice, daughter of Captain Heustice, a prominent man of that place, and they have three children: George, Natalie and Maud. (3) John Calvin is a lawyer of Maquoketa, and the publisher of a paper called the Red Polled Record, and secretary of the Red Polled Herd Book, devoted to the breeding of red polled cattle. He has imported a large number of pedigreed cattle from England. He married Jessie Drummond, of Bellevue, Iowa, where he was principal of the schools for a number of years, and they have three children: Mary, who will soon graduate at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Justus B., who is also attending that institution; and Gene Paul, aged nine years. (4) Mary died in 1860, at the age of four years, while on a visit to New Castle, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was only five years old when he accompanied the family on their removal to Maquoketa, Iowa, and lived with his parents on a farm about two miles from that place until the Civil war broke out, when he was chosen drummer boy of Company A, Captain Tripp, but his mother breaking down, he failed to go to the front. In 1864, when his father was to go to Vicksburg, he was to go with him, but failed to get a pass and was again deterred from getting to the front. In 1861 he commenced driving stock to Davenport for the army. He continued that occupation until hostilities ceased, and then attended the high school in Maquoketa, from

which he was graduated, his vacations being spent on the home farm. In 1865 Mr. Murray came to Clinton county, and has since made his home in Berlin township. For twelve years after coming to Clinton county Mr. Murray followed the life of a typical cowboy, controlling at times over five hundred head of cattle, his pay being three dollars per head per season. Camping and corraling stock during the summer season and attending school in the winter, his time has been mainly devoted to stock raising. He makes a specialty of Poland-China hogs, red polled cattle and Shropshire sheep, but has also been extensively interested in breeding Holstein cattle, standard-bred trotting horses and Corsican spotted ponies, having a herd of over seventy upon his farm at the present time. He sells his horses at the pasture gate, and has never taken any part in racing on the tracks, but gives his entire attention to the raising of stock. Being a man of sound judgment and keen discrimination, he has met with marked success in his undertakings, and is to-day one of the most substantial and prosperous men of his community.

In 1882 Mr. Murray married Miss Anna Hill, who was born in Delmar, this county, and is one of a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, all living at the present writing. Her parents were Peter and Catherine (Rice) Hill. Her father, who was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, came to Iowa in 1854 and settled near Delmar, Clinton county, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, dying here in 1895, at the age of seventy years. Religiously he was a member of the Reformed church. His widow still survives him, and resides in Delmar, at the age of sixty seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have three children: Mabel Edith,

born October 10, 1886, and Margery G., born June 10, 1888, both graduated from the district schools in 1901; and Roy Scott, born September 9, 1890, is attending the home school and is an expert rifle shot.

Politically Mr. Murray has always been identified with the Republican party, but has never cared for public office, and is one of the charter members of Peerless Lodge, No. 96, M. B. A. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of his community, and wherever known is held in high regard.

GEORGE C. SMITH.

Upon the commercial activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the man who is deserving of public gratitude is he who institutes and controls extensive business concerns, thereby furnishing a source of livelihood to men who depend upon their own exertions for advancement. One of the leading and important enterprises of Clinton is known as the Clinton Paper Company, of which George C. Smith is president. His name is found high on the roll of leading representatives of industrial life in this portion of Iowa, not only by reason of the extended business which he manipulates but also owing to his straightforward business methods, his keen sagacity and his fidelity to commercial ethics.

Mr. Smith is a native of Lincolnshire, England, where his birth occurred March 5, 1831. He is a son of William and Mary (Smith) Crampton. As he was reared by his maternal grandparents, he took their name. His parents came to the United States in 1852, one year after the arrival of their son George. The father followed farming in Clinton county, near Elvira, car-

rying on agricultural pursuits for many years. He died in 1882, while his wife passed away in 1891. They reared a family of six children, five of whom are living in this county.

George C. Smith was educated in the schools of England, and after reaching the new world he secured employment in Chicago as stationary engineer in a distillery, working in the western metropolis when the city contained a population of only twenty-five thousand. He there remained for five years, being employed continuously as engineer with the exception of one season, which he passed as engineer in a sawmill at Green Bay, Wisconsin. In 1857 he went to Fulton, Illinois, in the capacity of engineer for the firm of Dement & Company, and later removed to Lyons, where he worked in an old stone mill which was utilized for the manufacture of flour. When the Clinton Lumber Company was organized he entered its services as engineer. Their mills were erected between Third and Fourth avenues, and he had charge of their construction and later of the engineering work. In the employ of C. Lamb he was engaged in sawing lumber used in the construction of the first bridge built from the island to the Illinois side of the river. For fourteen years he remained with the Clinton Lumber Company as one of its most trusted and efficient representatives, being a director and vice-president. Since that time he has devoted his attention exclusively to the operation of the paper mill, which is conducted under the name of the Clinton Paper Company, of which Mr. Smith is president. It was organized in 1868, with a paid-up capital of sixty thousand dollars. He served as vice-president of the company until about 1890, when he was elected president.

He began the construction of the mills in 1868, and the first paper therein manufactured was placed upon the market in 1869. It was he who organized and incorporated the company in 1868, with A. P. Hosford as president, Mr. Smith as vice president and treasurer, and A. Sidell as secretary. The present officers are George C. Smith, president; Arthur C. Smith, secretary; and G. C. Smith, treasurer. They manufacture wrapping paper from rags and straw and also make building and deadening paper. Employment is furnished to twenty-five to thirty people regularly. The mill is located between Eighteenth and Nineteenth avenues and Fourth and Fifth streets, and the capacity is twelve tons of paper every twenty-four hours. The offices are at Eighth avenue and Second street, as well as at the mills, and the paper is sold to the wholesale trade as well as to the retail. They established separate wholesale offices in 1895, prior to which time that branch of the business was transacted at the general offices at the mills. In connection with their wholesale department they handle everything manufactured in their line, including every kind of paper known to the trade.

Mr. Smith was married in Clinton to Celia Hosford, daughter of A. P. Hosford, who died one and one-half years later, and for his second wife he chose Miss Sarah Carll, a native of Ohio, who died in 1886, leaving seven children, namely: Bert, who is associated with his father in business. Arthur C., who is secretary of the Clinton Paper Company. Verne, who is also connected with the business. William, who has charge of the warehouse, makes the collections and acts as salesman. Earl, who is also in the warehouse. Lula, the wife of Olie Hill, a druggist of Clinton, and Georgia, the wife of Frank Langford, of

Clinton, now a mining prospector of Maderia, California. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Smith was again married, his present wife having borne the maiden name of Mary Wilson.

In his political affiliations Mr. Smith is a Republican, and socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For almost a half century he has been identified with industrial concerns in Clinton, and for thirty-three years has been manager of an extensive business which is now controlled by the Clinton Paper Company. He owes his progress to his executive ability, close application and indefatigable energy. The splendid business methods which he instituted have led to a constant increase in the patronage which is accorded the house, and at all times the Clinton Paper Company has enjoyed an irreproachable reputation for fair dealing.

MICHAEL REUTER.

Among the representative farmers of Waterford township is Michael Reuter, who was born in Germany, November 26, 1860, a son of Peter and Catherine (Gasper) Reuter, both natives of Germany, where they are now living, the father being engaged in farming. They were the parents of six children, all living in Germany, Rhine Province, with the exception of our subject, namely: Michael; Margaret, who is married; Christine; Joseph; Katherine; and Mary.

Michael Reuter received his education in the schools of Germany until thirteen years of age, when he assisted his father on the farm. In May, 1881, he sailed from Antwerp on the City of New York, and after a two weeks' voyage landed in New York.

He made his way westward to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, where he obtained work for a week on the public road, then worked in a sawmill for four weeks, and then came to Waterford township, where he secured a position on a farm, remaining there five years.

On February 2, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Reuter and Miss Mary Burken, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, March 14, 1862, and was the daughter of William Burken and Lizzie Cossman, both natives of Germany. The father came to America in the '50s and settled near Clinton, Iowa, on a farm, where he married. He moved to Waterford township in 1872, where he bought two hundred and ten acres of land, on which stands their present residence. Mrs. Reuter was one of a family of four children: Verona, who married Clements Assenmacher, and by whom she has five children; Minnie, who married Barney Timmer, by whom she has eight children; Mary, the wife of our subject; and John, who married Katie Berding, to whom three children were born. The four children, with their families, are all living in Waterford township, on pleasant, well-kept farms.

After his marriage Mr. Reuter rented the farm now occupied by Mr. Schrader, upon which he remained for three years, after which he rented a farm of William Burken, which he worked for two years. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in sections four, five, eight and nine. To this he has added one hundred and thirty-five acres, and now has one of the most productive farms in the township. He has built a good residence, surrounded by substantial, well-kept barns and outbuildings, and everything around the farm bespeaks a careful and thrifty owner. He en-

gages in stock-raising for market, dealing in all kinds of high-grade stock, and is well known as a progressive and energetic farmer. In politics Mr. Reuter is a loyal Democrat, and belongs to the Roman Catholic Protective Association and to the St. Joseph's Catholic church of Sugar Creek.

Seven children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reuter: Lizzie, born May 12, 1888; Minnie, born August 17, 1890; Peter, born July 12, 1892; Johnnie, born June 11, 1894; Verona, born October 21, 1896; Katie, born November 27, 1898; and Mary, born March 29, 1901.

JOHN SIDLE.

Honored and respected by all who knew him, no man in the community more fully deserved the esteem in which he was held than John Sidle, who for many years was prominently connected with the agricultural interests of Clinton county. His principles were manly, his actions sincere, and he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

A native of Wayne county, Ohio, he was born on the 13th of September, 1842, a son of Jacob and Susan (Yohe) Sidle. The father was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1812, and in Ohio married Miss Yohe, who was also a native of Pennsylvania. She died when her son John was only two years of age, and he afterward married Mrs. Griffin, a widow. His death occurred August 20, 1890, and his remains were interred in a cemetery at Fostoria, Ohio. By the first marriage there were two children. Henry Sidle, the brother of our subject, enlisted in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war. He had been taken prisoner and had been



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exchanged, when on his way up the Mississippi river the steamer on which he was a passenger was blown up and he was killed. The children of the second marriage were Jacob, of Tyndall, South Dakota, who married Anna Smith and has three children; and Mary, the wife of William Snyder, of Fostoria, Iowa. By her former marriage Mrs. Sidle, the second wife, had three children: Frank, who resides near Cleveland, Ohio, and is married and has five sons and a daughter; Mrs. Susan Yost, who resides near Fostoria, and has seven children; and Jacob, who was drowned in the mill pond at Maquoketa, Iowa, when sixteen years of age.

When only two years of age, at the time of his mother's death, John Sidle went to live with the Stayman family, and in his boyhood he attended the school in the Stayman district, south of Maquoketa. Later he went to that city and worked his way through the public school, putting aside his text-books when about twenty years of age. He then worked as a farm hand, and later became overseer of a large farm, his business ability and trustworthiness winning him the position.

On the 31st of May, 1866, at the home of the bride, southwest of Maquoketa, Mr. Sidle married Malinda Agnes Anderson, who was born November 10, 1847, in Rockingham, Virginia, a daughter of Eugene and Jane (Phillips) Anderson, the former born in Rockingham county, Virginia, May 4, 1808, the latter in Augusta county, of the same state, March 12, 1809. Her parents were married in the Old Dominion, where the father engaged in farming until 1854, when he came with his family to Iowa, driving across the country with a "prairie schooner" and a two-seated carriage. The party made their way to a place six miles

southwest of Maquoketa, in Clinton county, and Mr. Anderson purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid two dollars and a half per acre. It was then raw prairie land, but with characteristic energy he began to break and improve it, and soon placed his fields under a high state of cultivation. His first home was a frame house sixteen by twenty-four feet, to which he afterward added, and he also built large barns and other necessary farm buildings. There he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred May 14, 1884, his remains being interred in the Union cemetery, two miles south of Maquoketa. His widow remained upon the old homestead until three months prior to her demise, when she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Sidle, passing away December 30, 1889. She too was laid to rest in the Union cemetery. This worthy couple were the parents of four sons and four daughters: Elizabeth M., who was born April 2, 1831, married G. L. Dyer, who came to Iowa with his father-in-law. She died December 7, 1864, and his second wife is also deceased. He now lives at Maquoketa. Maria Jane, the second of the family, born March 29, 1833, is the wife of S. R. Bader, of Hawarden, Iowa, and they had two children, one now living. James William, born May 15, 1836, died October 30, 1838. Jesse Addison, who was born September 6, 1839, and resides seven miles southwest of Maquoketa, married Anna Bentley, and has six children. David Henry, who was born August 24, 1842, is a grocer of Maquoketa, wedded Mary Goodnow and has two daughters. George Harvey, a resident of Scotland, South Dakota, was born July 14, 1845, and married Amanda Hurst, by whom he has five children. Malinda Agnes, now Mrs. Sidle, is the next younger. Hannah Vir-

ginia, the youngest of the family, was born June 4, 1850, and died June 20, 1865.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sidle was blessed with six children: George Henry, who was born August 22, 1867, and resides just opposite the homestead farm, was married February 9, 1893, to Katie Bollinger, and they now have five children; Jennie Mary, born December 24, 1869, was married December 31, 1895, to Dr. E. S. McCord, of Delmar; Maria Elizabeth, who was born December 21, 1871, became, on the 16th of March, 1892, the wife of James T. Haney, who resides three and a half miles south of Delmar, and unto them have been born six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom one daughter and one son are now deceased; Arthur Jacob, who was born December 20, 1874, died July 1, 1884; William James, born April 6, 1879, resides with his mother and manages the home farm; Agnes Jane, born June 19, 1881, is also at home.

After his marriage John Sidle purchased eighty acres of farming land in Bloomfield township, improved with a small house and barn. He at once proceeded to place the fields under cultivation, and afterward added to his possessions until he owned three hundred and ninety acres of valuable and highly productive land, which annually returned to him good crops and enabled him to provide handsomely for his family. He also made a specialty of the breeding of black Polled Angus cattle and black Poland China hogs, and he kept a large herd of cows for dairy purposes. He possessed excellent judgment concerning matters pertaining to the farm and the stock, and his enterprising efforts brought to him richly-merited prosperity. His was a busy and useful life, and to his fellow townsmen he rendered valued service in public office. He erected a large and

beautiful residence upon his farm and built extensive barns, sheds, and corn cribs. In fact, his is one of the best improved farms of the entire county, and well indicates the progressive spirit and careful supervision of John Sidle, who for so many years was prominently connected with the agricultural interests of the county. He was township treasurer for thirteen years, road supervisor and school director for a number of years, yet he was never an aspirant for public office, being called to those positions by a constituency that recognized his worth and ability. He voted with the Democratic party, and in religious faith and membership was a Methodist. He died February 21, 1895, at the age of fifty-two years, five months and eight days, and was buried in Union cemetery. He was successful, and to his own exertions he owed his prosperity, for from early life he was dependent upon his own resources, not only for a livelihood, but also an education. He made rapid advancement, and at all times he commanded uniform confidence and respect, for he was a man of high honor and strong principles, who ever followed closely the path of duty.

PETER MOHR.

The subject of this sketch is a prosperous farmer residing on section three, Sharon township, where he has made his home since the 22d of February, 1867. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Germany, October 13, 1833. He was only twelve years old when his father died, and his mother subsequently came to America, bringing with her eight children. Her death occurred at Davenport, Scott county, Iowa. Of her family three sons are still engaged

in farming in Jackson county, while another son, Hans Mohr, is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Sharon township, Clinton county.

Upon the arrival of the family in the new world, in 1853, they located in Davenport, Iowa, and while there Peter Mohr learned the wagonmaker's trade, at which he worked in that city for a short time. Later he was employed as a farm hand for two years, and then bought a farm near Preston, Jackson county, Iowa, where he lived for five years.

During that time Mr. Mohr was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Stegemann, who is also a native of Germany, and to them were born nine children, as follows: Fred, a resident of Jackson county, Iowa; John H., who is represented on another page of this volume; William, a farmer of Sharon township, Clinton county; Edward, who died when an infant; Rickey, wife of Fred Burrichter, also a farmer of Sharon township; Henry E., who now has charge of his father's farm; Anna, wife of Henry Nipp, of Sharon township; Mary, wife of William Greenawald, of Jackson county; Albert, at home.

After his marriage Mr. Mohr lived on the farm near Preston for five years, and on selling that place purchased his present farm in Sharon township, Clinton county, consisting of three hundred and fifteen acres of land on sections two, three and four. Here he has carried on general farming and stock-raising with marked success for many years, but is now practically living retired, leaving the management of the farm to his son, Henry E., who is a very systematic and energetic young farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Mohr and all the children hold membership in the German Reformed church, of Smithtown, Iowa, and in politics he is identified

with the Republican party. He has held several minor offices in his township, and has ever been found true to any trust reposed in him, whether public or private, being upright and reliable in all things.

HARVEY C. VAN DEMARK.

Harvey C. Van Demark, of Clinton, Iowa, was born in Waverly, Tioga county, New York, January 5, 1862, and is a son of Henry W. and Amanda (Courtright) Van Demark, the former of Holland Dutch ancestry, the latter of Scotch extraction. The mother died at Storm Lake, Iowa, but the father is still living, and now makes his home with a daughter in Omaha, Nebraska. From New York he removed to Wisconsin, and later came to Iowa. He opened up farms at Grinnell and Holstein, this state, and successfully followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active business life, but is now living retired. He became pretty well-to-do and acquired some property. In early life he was a lumberman and raftsman on the Susquehanna river. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, and after serving two years was honorably discharged on account of disability, having been seriously wounded in the battle of the Wilderness.^a In his family were five children, of whom one died in infancy and a daughter after reaching maturity. Those still living are Harvey C., our subject; Etta, wife of E. J. Woodburn, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Herbert, a horseman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

During his boyhood Harvey C. Van Demark pursued his studies in the common schools near Grinnell, Iowa, and remained on the home farm, assisting his

father in its operation until he went to Odebolt, Iowa, in 1880, and entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as brakeman. Two years later he went on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad, and located at Missouri Valley. Six months after he was promoted to conductor, being the youngest conductor on the road. In September, 1883, he went to Belle Plaine, Iowa, and held the position of brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway until 1890, when he was made conductor on the branch to Muchicannock and to Boone. After the division was changed he removed to Clinton, and has since run between that place and Boone on time freights.

Mr. Van Demark was married at Belle Plaine, in 1888, to Miss Lyde Yohe, a native of Miami county, Ohio. She came to Iowa in 1867 with her parents, who died in Marengo, this state. By trade her father was a shoemaker. They had six children who are still living, but Mrs. Van Demark is the only one residing in Clinton. Unto our subject and his wife was born one son, Earl, who died at the age of ten years. Bennie LeRoy Yohe, aged nine years, has made his home with them since his mother's death, when he was only eighteen months old. He possesses exceptional talent as a musician; in fact, is a prodigy in that line. Mr. Van Demark owned a nice home in Belle Plaine, but sold it on his removal to Clinton in 1899. He joined the Order of Railway Conductors at that place, and is now a member of the Clinton division, No. 33, while his wife belongs to the ladies' auxiliary society of that order. He is also a member of Lincoln Lodge, I. O. O. F., and she is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah. Together they hold membership in the Tribe of Ben Hur, a fraternal insur-

ance order; the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept, and the Modern Brotherhood of America. Mrs. Van Demark has taken an active interest in lodge work, and has filled various offices in these organizations, and is now vice-president in the Modern Brotherhood of America. Both she and her husband are quite prominent socially, and although their residence in Clinton has been of short duration, they have already made many warm friends.

P. R. EMMERT.

P. R. Emmert, who is now successfully engaged in the livery business in DeWitt, was born in that town, March 2, 1856, on the site of a business house which he owns. His father, John A. Emmert, was born in Germany in 1827, and was a child of four years when brought to this country by his parents. In 1833 the family located in Pennsylvania, where John A. grew to manhood. When the Mexican war broke out he joined the United States army and served all through that struggle, in recognition of which he now receives a pension. About 1849 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and for a number of years drove the stage coach from Davenport to Dubuque. In early days where the present fine turnpike crossed the slough for forty rods the road was made by four logs, which, not being wide enough for teams to pass, was very inconvenient, as all had to give way to the stage, which carried United States mail. He was married in DeWitt to Miss Sarah M. McCorkle, who was a native of Pennsylvania and was reared in that state. She died in DeWitt in November, 1890. After his marriage Mr. Emmert conducted a hotel and boarding house, being proprietor of the old De-

Witt House for some years. Later he purchased a lot and built a good residence, where he lived retired for some years, but is now at the Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Our subject attended the public schools of DeWitt to a limited extent during his boyhood and youth, but is almost wholly self-educated. In early life he was principally engaged in teaming and horse trading. He was married in 1874, at the age of eighteen years, to Miss Phoebe A. Haney, who was born in Canada, and was a child of eight years when she came to this county. They have three children: John H., now a resident of Alcester, South Dakota; Lillie, at home; and Everett A., who is assisting his father in business.

After his marriage Mr. Emmert was engaged in the manufacture of patent bed springs, first at DeWitt and later at Bellevue, Iowa, where he located in 1880. Subsequently he followed the same occupation at Cascade, and in 1884 returned to DeWitt, where he was engaged in business with D. J. Cranston, selling pumps and buggies. In 1891 he removed to Chicago, where he was employed first as nightwatchman and later filled a number of other positions. During the World's Fair he was on the grounds as superintendent of delivery for the Cold Storage Company until their building was destroyed by fire. He soon found other employment, and during the two years spent in Chicago lost but seven days from work. At the end of that time Mr. Emmert returned to DeWitt, Iowa. He had previously been engaged in the livery business here, and on his return resumed business at his old stand and with the same partner. He owns some good horses and a fine line of buggies, carriages, etc., and has secured a liberal patronage. For seven years he has

also engaged in the ice business, and has built up a good trade in that line. He is also engaged in heavy transfer work, and has a wagon warranted to carry twenty tons. In addition he is a dealer in vehicles. After getting started in 1894 he was burned out and lost everything, but has since made a success. Mr. Emmert started out in life for himself empty-handed, and by his own industry, enterprise and good management has succeeded in accumulating a nice property. He owns about two-thirds of a block where he is now engaged in business, on which is located one dwelling house, his stable and carriage repository, and he also has five other residences erected by him, and an interest in three others. He bought and tore down the old court-house, using the material for the frame work of his residences. A very wide-awake and energetic business man, his success has been worthily achieved, it being the just reward of his own unaided efforts. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has filled all the chairs in the former lodge and is now past grand and trustee of the same. He is a believer in insurance, especially life insurance, and carries about twenty-five thousand dollars in life and fire insurance.

CORNELIUS PETERSEN.

Cornelius Petersen, who was born in Germany, October 7, 1848, was the son of Marks Petersen, a native of Rippen, Germany, and Margaret McGrady, a native of Fehr, Germany. The parents were married in the old country and came to America in 1859. They crossed the Atlantic in

a sailing-vessel, "The Gellert." After a voyage of eight weeks they landed in New Orleans and made their way up the Mississippi river, locating in Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, on a farm near Lyons, which they rented for one year. The father then bought forty acres of timber land, which he cleared and broke, and upon which he built a frame house fourteen by sixteen feet in size. In this tiny abode they began their life in the new world, remaining there for four years, after which he bought forty acres of land adjoining. He lived on this land until 1873, when he moved to Clinton, Iowa. In the winter of 1873, shortly after his removal to Clinton, and his retirement from active life, his wife died, on Christmas night, and is buried in that city. The father then returned to his native land, but came back to America and bought forty acres of land. He also owned one hundred and twenty acres of land near Sabula, Iowa; in fact, he accumulated a great deal of land, which he gave to his children. He died in 1897 in Germany, having gone back there, and is buried in the land of his birth. Our subject was the second in order of birth of three children: Peter married and resides on the old homestead farm in Center township, and has three children; Cornelius; and Martin, formerly a merchant in Clinton, Iowa, but later went west and has not been heard from since he left.

Cornelius Petersen pursued his education in the schools of Germany, and coming to America with his parents, continued his studies in the Center township district school until sixteen years of age, when he left school and assisted his father with the work on the farm until 1873. On March 18, of that year, he was united in marriage to Annie Hanson, the ceremony taking place on the home place. Miss Hanson was born

in Germany, November 17, 1851, and was the daughter of Hans P. Hanson and Mary Ohrans, both natives of Germany. Her parents were married in the home country and came to America in 1866, in the steamship "The Sanctonia," arriving in New York after a voyage of two weeks. They came to Lyons, where they lived for one year, and then located in Center Grove township. The father accumulated land until he had about three hundred acres. He died in 1890, his wife having preceded him, her death occurring in 1881. Mrs. Petersen was the youngest of five children, namely: Sabina, wife of Bohne Paulsen, who died, and she married Nicholas Holtz, who resides in Jones county, near Onslow. She has three children by her first union and three by her second union; Peter married Mary Petersen, who died in 1888. He then married Lena Bolt, and they reside in Washington township. He has four children by his first union; August married Miss Catherine Nissen, resides in Verdi, Minnesota, with his wife and six children; Henry married Mattie Breiholts, who died in 1884. He then married Maggie Boock, and resides in Center Grove, Iowa. He has nine children by his first wife and two by his second wife; Annie, wife of our subject.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have been born eight children: Henry, born September 15, 1874, resides with his father and assists in the management of the farm; John, born March 10, 1876, married Miss Minnie Zesmar and resides on a farm in Washington township; Mark, born March 15, 1878; Adolph, born April 11, 1880; Eddie, born June 20, 1882; August, born July 20, 1886; Amanda, born November 4, 1890; Malinda, born June 31, 1893.

After his marriage Mr. Petersen rented his father's farm, upon which he remained

for two years. In 1875 he purchased ninety acres of land in section ten, Washington township, Clinton county, Iowa. Later he bought one hundred and sixty acres adjoining this, and subsequently purchased another tract of land, until he now owns four hundred and ninety acres of the best improved farming property in Iowa. His life has been spent in the cultivation of his land, and a comfortable home, well-filled barns and sheds and a good income are his reward for years of industry and perseverance. He is a liberal, kind-hearted man, who takes an active interest in public affairs and everything that tends toward the advancement and development of the community in which he lives. He is a staunch Democrat, and has been elected road supervisor and school director, but prefers to hold no office. He is also a member of the Lutheran church of Charlotte, and through his fidelity and industry he has won the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated.

WILLIAM H. CROSBY.

One of the most popular passenger conductors on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway residing in Clinton, Iowa, is W. H. Crosby, who was born in Stafford, Genesee county, New York, February 1, 1850, and is a son of Harvey and Elizabeth (Delbridge) Crosby. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, was born in Vermont, July 18, 1814, and was a son of Jeremiah Crosby, born April 10, 1791, who was of early Puritan stock. At one time Harvey Crosby owned the site of the present city of Flint, Michigan, and made his home there for some time. His death occurred at

Springport, Jackson county, that state, in 1899. His wife, who is still a resident of Springport, and is now seventy-nine years of age, was born in Northampton, England, May 26, 1822, and was a child of six years when she came to America with her father, William Delbridge, who settled at Stafford, Genesee county, New York, his wife having died in England. Mr. Delbridge died in this country at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. In the Crosby family were seven children, namely: Juliaett, wife of Elias Wellington, of Springport, Michigan; Ella, wife of George Wellington, of the same place; W. H., the subject of this sketch; James, also a resident of Springport; Ada, wife of G. W. Bortles, of Albion, Michigan; and Hattie and Carrie, who died the same day of black measles.

In an interesting letter written June 17, 1901, to our subject, his mother writes as follows: "Your grandfather Delbridge was born in Lynmouth, Devonshire, England, April 30, 1776, while your grandmother, Grace (Kingdon) Delbridge, was born in the same town March 12, 1779. They were married December 14, 1800, and became the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom were baptized in North Moulton church, it being the old Episcopal church in that town. My mother had a brother who was wounded in the battle of Waterloo, and was found dead by the side of the road leading from London to North Moulton. He was supposed to have had some money in the Bank of England, but we never got any of it. My father came to America in 1834, being about seven weeks on the passage, as we sailed the 8th of April, and got to our home in Stafford, New York, June 1.

"Your great-grandfather Hoadley was

eighty-three years old when he died. He was your father's grandfather on his mother's side. His mother was a Kittredge. I do not know when your grandfather and grandmother Crosby were married, but they were born in Massachusetts, while your father was born in Kirtland, Vermont, July 18, 1814. Your great-grandfather Hoadley was among those who threw the tea overboard in Boston harbor. He was later held a prisoner in Boston, but taking some rags, he tied up his legs and passed through the British lines, as the British did not care to have any cripples around. His family were permitted to go with him. His wife having a piece of new linen, wrapped it around the children under their clothes, and that was all they saved of their possessions. One of his sons was later in the battle of Bunker Hill.

"Your father had two brothers, Eben and Jefferson. He left Vermont in the fall of 1838 and worked in Leroy for a few months and then came to Stafford and worked for Henry Kingdon for about three months, and in February, 1840, we became acquainted. In June of the same year your father came to Michigan, while I remained in York state. In the fall of 1840 he came back to New York, and on the 6th of October we were married, and moved to Byron Center, where your father worked as a journeyman for Mr. Wareham Cook for five years. Mr. Cook then started a shop in South Byron, and your father carried it on until in May, 1848, when we moved back to Stafford, and we remained there until after the close of the Civil war. December 9, 1865, we sold our home in Stafford and came to Michigan, and April 21, 1898, your father died, and I am left to journey alone. I was born in North Moulton, Devonshire, England, in 1822. I forgot to state that

your grandmother Crosby's maiden name was Kittredge, and her mother's maiden name was Hoadley."

When a lad of fourteen years W. H. Crosby accompanied his parents on their removal to Michigan and completed his education in the public schools of that state, having previously attended school in New York. For two summers he worked upon a farm, but in 1870, at the age of twenty years, came to Clinton and entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as passenger brakeman. Seeing no prospect of advancement at an early day, a few weeks later he began brakeing on a freight train, and at the end of a year and nine months was promoted to conductor, running freight and extra passenger trains for about ten years. Since that time he has been in the regular passenger service, and is one of the most trusted employes on the road, being at all times diligent in the performance of duty and very careful and conservative. He has had a very successful experience in railroading. Mr. Crosby at present being on the Overland Limited and Colorado Special, the two best trains on the road. In point of service there are at present only two conductors on his division older than he is.

Mr. Crosby is quite prominently identified with a number of social orders. In 1872 he was made a Mason at Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M., of Cedar Rapids, and is now connected with Keystone Chapter, No. 32, R. A. M., of Clinton; Holy Cross Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of the same place; DeMolay Consistory, No. 1; and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Cedar Rapids. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Order of Railway Conductors, No. 33, of Clinton. He is a pleas-

ant, genial gentleman, who makes many friends, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. Mr. Crosby has traveled extensively through this country, and is the owner of an orange grove in California.

CAPTAIN HENRY MUHS.

Captain Henry Muhs, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who is now living a retired life after an active, honorable and successful business career covering many years, was born in Holstein, Germany, July 31, 1838, his parents being James and Margaret (Wise) Muhs, both of whom were natives of the fatherland. On coming to America in 1849 they located at Davenport, Iowa. The father was a tailor by trade and followed that pursuit in order to provide for his family. His death occurred in 1899, at the age of eighty-five years, but his widow still survives and is now living in Camanche, at the age of eighty-two.

The captain is the eldest of their twelve children, of whom four are yet living. He was a lad of eleven summers when he came with his parents to the new world, and in the schools of Davenport he continued his education, which had been begun in Germany. In 1853 the family removed to Camanche township, Clinton county, where Captain Muhs has since made his home. In 1861, at the country's need, he offered his services to the government, enlisting in the Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was elected lieutenant of Company A, and with his regiment was in much active service, including the battle of Shiloh on the 6th of April, 1862. He was there captured, and about six months later was paroled. In the spring of 1863 he participated in the Vicksburg campaign, and was also in the Jackson

campaign, and took part in a number of important battles in the Mississippi valley. His brother Peter was wounded in the battle at Mobile, one of the last engagements of the war. Captain Muhs was mustered out April 20, 1866, but the regiment did not disband until May 6, 1866.

Captain Muhs at once returned to Clinton county, and on the 20th of February, 1868, was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Mary McClosky, a daughter of Robert and Margarette (Smith) McClosky, who were natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Muhs was born in Davenport in 1848, and is the only child of her father's second marriage. Her parents are now both deceased.

After his marriage Captain Muhs became interested in farming and purchased eighty acres of land in Eden township. To this he added from time to time until he now owns a valuable tract of two hundred acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and which he continued to improve until 1880, when he came to Camanche. Here he engaged in the grocery business for five years, and on the expiration of that period he retired from business life and has since enjoyed a well-earned rest from the cares and responsibilities connected with the conduct of any enterprise.

Unto Captain and Mrs. Muhs have been born eight children: Margareth, who is now teaching school and was principal of the school of Camanche for some time, but is now located in Fairfield, Illinois; Mary Louisa, who for the past three years has engaged in teaching at Nevada, Iowa; Frederick Ross, who is vice-president of the Croton Iron Works in St. Louis, Missouri, and is a civil engineer by profession; Henry Clare; Louis R., who is studying civil engineering in the State College at Ames,

Iowa; Dora W. E. and Edith Loretta, at home. The fourth member of the family was Agnes Josephine, who died in infancy. Captain Muhs is a valued resident of the community and of the county in which he has so long made his home. From 1869 until 1871 he served as township supervisor, and for seven years was county supervisor. He was also elected on the Democratic ticket to the fifteenth general assembly in 1873, and served on the judiciary, military and railroad committees. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Iowa Workmen and to the Baker Post, G. A. R., at Clinton, while his wife is a member of the Catholic church. His record is that of one who is true to duty in every relation of life. As a public official he was as true and loyal as when he followed the starry banner on the battlefields of the south, and in business he sustained an irreproachable reputation.

DANIEL CONRAD.

Daniel Conrad, deceased, was the well-known proprietor of the Keystone Farm on section 35, Deep Creek township. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Ferguson township, Centre county, May 8, 1820, and was a son of John and Mary (Stevens) Conrad. His paternal grandfather was Peter Conrad, who was born, reared and married in Germany. On coming to America he lived for some years in Pennsylvania, and then removed to New York, his death occurring near Auburn, that state. By occupation he was both a miller and a farmer. Our subject's maternal grandfather was Leon Stevens.

John Conrad, the father of our subject, was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania,

and was first married in Adams county, that state, to a German lady, by whom he had four children. Being divorced from that wife, he went to Centre county, Pennsylvania, where he enlisted as a private in the infantry under General Scott during the war of 1812, but being severely wounded at Lundy's Lane, he was transferred to the artillery when he had sufficiently recovered to resume active duty. At two other times he was slightly wounded. He enlisted for five years, and on the expiration of that term he was honorably discharged from the service. Returning to Centre county, he wedded Mary Stevens, and unto them were born four children, of whom our subject was the oldest. All are now deceased.

The subject of this sketch was quite young when the family removed to Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, and on leaving the parental roof, at the age of twelve years, he lived with a neighboring farmer in that county for some time. Subsequently he returned to Centre county, where he was married, November 12, 1840, to Miss Nancy Harpster, who was also born in Ferguson township, on the 1st of April, 1822, and is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Beal) Harpster. Her ancestors were of German and Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, her maternal grandfather, Abraham Beal, having been born on the Atlantic steamer while his parents were emigrating from Germany to America. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born near Philadelphia, and died in Centre county, where he spent almost his entire life. His first wife died when Mrs. Conrad was a child, and he subsequently married Sarah Harper, by whom he had two children. Mrs. Conrad is the fifth in order of birth in the family of ten children born to the first union, and she still has one brother living in Pennsylvania.

Four years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Conrad left their old home in the Keystone state and by canal boat made the journey to Pittsburg, where they took passage on a vessel which conveyed them down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Davenport, where they landed on the 30th of October, 1844. Having only seventy-five cents in his pocket, Mr. Conrad at once sought employment, and for a time worked by the day in order to support his family. Later he engaged in farming on the shares, and spent some time in Le Claire, Scott county. In 1859 he came to Clinton county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land on section 35, Deep Creek township, where his widow now lives, paying for it two hundred dollars. In connection with general farming he was successfully engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of thoroughbred Short-horn cattle, Duroc Jersey hogs and Percheron horses. Besides his farm he owned a forty-acre tract of timber land, which was a valuable piece of property.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conrad were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters, as follows: (1) Elizabeth is the wife of Alfred Bedford, a farmer of Hamilton county, Iowa, and they had seven children: Daniel; Emma; Lavona, deceased; Alma; Fred; Harold; and Elizabeth. (2) Mary is the wife of Amos Hurst, a farmer of Story county, Iowa, and they have seven children, John, Martin, Alice, Wilbur, Hattie, Carrie and Daniel. (3) John enlisted during the Civil war as a private in Company F, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and being wounded in the battle of Iuka, he died in the hospital in 1862. (4) Martin, a resident of Miles, Jackson county, Iowa, married Marcia Caton, and to them were born four children: Anna May; Lowell Edwin;

Martha Christabel; and Samuel, who died at the age of nine months. (5) Margaret Jane is the wife of Ruel W. Northup, of Webster City, Iowa, and to them were born six children: Joseph, who died at the age of two years; Nancy; Wilbur; Mary; Grace; and August. (6) Samuel H. is now in the west. (7) One son died in infancy. (8) Ann Eliza is the wife of George W. Curtis, of Dallas county, Iowa, and they have five children: Ida; George; Claude; Mary; and Francis Willard (a boy). (9) Alice and (10) Wilbur are twins. The former is now the wife of H. C. Smith, of Crawford county, Iowa, and they have six children: Wilbur, Daniel, Atwood, Nancy, Jane and Clarence. (10) Wilbur, who operates the home farm was married February 13, 1890, to Ella Jane Du Bois. Her father, William Du Bois, was born in New Jersey, and was married in Scott county, Iowa, in 1844, to Catherine Hix, a native of Ohio, who located in that county the year previous, and is still living near Davenport, at the age of eighty-one years. Mr. Du Bois died in 1895, aged seventy-eight years. They were the parents of fourteen children: Albert, deceased; Mary; Theodore; Anna Eliza; Martha Ellen; Sarah Catherine, deceased; Louis, deceased; William M.; Henry Richman; Minerva Adaline; Clarissa Amelia; Emma Alice; Ella Jane; and one who died in infancy. Wilbur Conrad and wife have two children, Hazel Maria and Raymond Earl. (11) Jacob died young, and (12) one died in infancy. Besides their own children, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad reared August Myer from the age of five months. He was born November 27, 1864, and was left an orphan in infancy. His parents were natives of Germany.

Mr. Conrad died on the 7th of May, 1894, honored and respected by all who

knew him. Politically he was first identified with the Whig party, and later became a Republican, being a staunch supporter of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He took quite an active interest in public affairs, and creditably filled the offices of justice of the peace for several years and supervisor for two years. He also served as notary public, and his various official duties were always capably discharged. He was an earnest Christian gentleman and a local preacher of the Methodist church. He was faithful to his church, to his country and to his friends, and in his home was a most exemplary husband and father. His estimable wife still survives him, and although she is now in her eightieth year, she is still quite active, being able to do her own work and has a remarkably good memory. She is not only the mother of twelve children, but has thirty-four living grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

JOSEPH KEITH.

Joseph Keith, one of the early settlers and highly respected citizens of Berlin township, is proprietor of a fine large farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 28, whose neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates his careful supervision. Substantial improvements are surrounded by well-tilled fields, and all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are there found.

Mr. Keith was born in Licking county, Ohio, September 5, 1830, his parents being William and Martha (Smith) Keith, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and at a very early day removed to the Buckeye state, where in the midst of a heavily tim-

bered tract the father developed a farm. There the mother died at the age of forty-four years, but the father's death occurred in Missouri when he was seventy-seven years of age. They had ten children, of whom our subject is second in order of birth, but only three of the number are now living.

During his boyhood and youth Joseph Keith remained at the place of his birth, and in 1855 came to Clinton county, Iowa, locating north of Calamus and soon purchased land on section 28, Berlin township. He built a house upon that place and made other improvements, but later sold it, and in 1863 bought a part of his present farm on the same section. To this he has since added from time to time until he now has three hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land under a high state of cultivation and well improved. He has followed general farming and stock raising with good success, but now leaves the operation of his farm to his son.

In 1851 Mr. Keith wedded Miss Mary White, also a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Nathan and Nancy (Morgan) White, who were born in Virginia, but spent the greater part of their lives in Ohio, where both died at an advanced age. Mr. White was a soldier of the war of 1812, and his father fought for American independence in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith have a family of ten children: (1) Benjamin, a stock raiser of South Dakota, married Irene Dawson, and has two children, Vernon and Harrison. (2) Nathan, who resides in Berlin township, this county, and operates a threshing machine, married Lizzie Clymens, and has two children, David W. and Alice. (3) Martha is at home. (4) Nancy is the wife of William Dawson, a farmer of Taylor county, Iowa, and they have five children,

Mary, Gertrude, John W., Joseph and Ray. (5) William, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 21, Berlin township, married Effie Stemple, and they have three children, Olive M., John L., and Mary A. (6) Alfred, a blacksmith, of Berlin township, this county, married Ida Castle, and they have three children, William, John and Ella. (7) Maggie is the wife of John Neff, a son of David Neff, a farmer of Berlin township, and they have two children, Howard and Bernard. (8) Mary is the wife of Daniel Galloway, a farmer and stock raiser of the same township, and they have two children, Grace and Anna. (9) Joseph, a farmer of Calamus, married Hannah Keubler, who died in June, 1901, leaving two children, Leroy and Dolly. (10) James operates the home farm.

For many years Mr. Keith affiliated with the Democracy, but now supports the Peoples party, and at local elections votes for the men best qualified for office regardless of party lines. For twenty years he efficiently served as school director, and also filled the office of township trustee for a long period. Honest and upright in all his dealings, his course of life has been such as to win for him the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

HOMER CARPENTER.

The subject of this sketch, Homer Carpenter, now living retired at Camanche, is one of the few men now living who has been prominently identified with the early settlement, development and growth of Clinton county. Mr. Carpenter was born in the town of Moriah, Essex county, New York, on the 29th day of November, 1818.

His father, Elijah Carpenter, was a native of the Green Mountain state, having been born in Clarendon, Rutland county, November 8, 1787, and he in turn was a son of Jabez and Mary Carpenter, natives of Connecticut. By trade his father was a carpenter, and was a soldier in the French and Indian wars. He was a pioneer of Essex county, having settled there in 1803. Thus it will be seen that the Carpenters were of New England extraction, descending from those grand old fathers of our republic who exerted in so signal a manner their wisdom and energy in planting the seeds of freedom, piety and learning, the fruits of which are so richly enjoyed from the Atlantic to the Pacific today.

The father of our subject married Abigail Parsons, a native of New Hampshire. She was born in Chesterfield, March 9, 1794, and was the daughter of Benjamin Parsons, one of Washington's veterans in the Revolutionary war. Thus it may be seen that on both sides of the family of our subject comes the best stock of our country. From his father Elijah Carpenter inherited a tract of land where he built a log cabin, and where his children were born. Here he remained a resident of New York until 1851, when he removed to Iowa and located in Scott county, where he died in the fall of that year; his wife died March 16, 1871. To this union nine children were born, our subject being the second son.

Mr. Carpenter acquired his early education at the subscription schools in the winter time, and the remainder of the year assisted his father upon the farm. On January 5, 1843, our subject chose as a helpmate and companion through life's journey a Miss Samanthly Draper, a native of western New York; she is the daughter of Sarah (Wire) Draper. Mrs. Carpenter's parents

were very poor, and after she was fourteen years of age she earned her own living, being employed in one family for four years, receiving for the first three years seventy-five cents a week for her services, the last year one dollar. She had no assistance in making her way in the world but her own willing hands and her excellent health.

In September following their marriage they engaged with parties to go to the lumber regions, he to cut and measure logs and she to cook, receiving as a compensation eighteen dollars the first year and twenty dollars per month. They were very frugal and saved their small earnings, with which they soon purchased a pair of horses and a wagon, and in June, 1845, they started for the territory of Iowa, taking their household goods with them. Arriving at Buffalo they embarked on a vessel for Chicago, and came thence to Scott county, Iowa, crossing the Mississippi at Davenport. When Mr. Carpenter paid his bill at Chicago he lacked just one cent of the amount necessary. On the way to Iowa they did their own cooking and slept in a wagon, and arriving at Davenport they possessed one dollar and ten cents and managed to get four dollars in debt. Arriving here, he rented a part of Jeremiah Payne's farm near Le Claire, and used a slab shanty that was on the place for a dwelling. He secured employment at sacking grain, for which he received seventy-five cents a day, taking as pay meat and produce. Mrs. Carpenter, by working at the home of Mr. Payne, earned money enough to buy the first hog they ever owned, and also assisted in paying for a cow, but misfortune overtook them and the cow and pig both died. Mr. Carpenter replaced them and promised to pay for them in plowing, but here again misfortune confronted them, as he was taken sick and unable to

do any work during the fall. The old saying that troubles rarely come singly certainly proved true in this case, as one misfortune after another fell upon them. The scarcity of money prevented him from buying a hat for winter, and he tells with much gusto and apparent enjoyment the length of time he spent trying to persuade his wife to cover his old straw hat with a portion of the wagon cover, which was painted red; this, he says, not only served me for common use, but was my Sunday-go-to-meeting "tile."

In 1846 he took up forty acres of land in Le Claire township, Scott county, and in 1847 sold one of his horses and entered another forty acres adjoining, and while renting land he was making improvements on his own. He broke a few acres, split a few hundred rails, and in 1850 sold out for six hundred dollars and bought an improved eighty in the same township for twelve hundred dollars. Mr. Carpenter kept steadily at work and by the aid of his worthy and helpful wife they were able to add each year to their worldly possessions. They worked that farm, with the exception of four years which they lived in the city of Le Claire, until 1865, when they sold out and moved to Camanche. There he bought property for which he paid eight thousand dollars, the farm containing one hundred and sixty acres and a good set of first-class farm buildings. In 1871 he sold that place for ten thousand five hundred dollars and bought a half section of land in Eden township, which he has also disposed of. At different times he purchased small pieces of land in Camanche, until finally he had about eighty acres, but a few years ago he sold that and purchased a house and two lots, where he now resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter both enjoy good

health and feel that in the luxury which surrounds them and in the joys of happy old age they are reaping the reward for the early privations and struggles endured by them. Five children have blessed their union and grown up about them. Sarah A. married Hial Farnsworth, and they reside in Camanche; Mary E. became the wife of William H. Hanke, and they are now residing in Michigan; Emily, the widow of J. B. Horsfield, was twice married, her first husband being a brother of her last; Helen P., who married R. C. Dannett, and they reside about fifty miles north of Storm Lake, Iowa; Orville H., now resides at Iowa City.

Mr. Carpenter has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and has served for four years as supervisor in Scott county and two years since coming here. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Carpenter in her religious connections is a member of the Baptist church.

ADAM BLOOM.

For a period of about forty years the subject of this review was one of the most active business men of DeWitt, and having met with excellent success in his undertakings, is now able to lay aside all business cares and spend the remainder of his life in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. He was born in Westphalia, Prussia, Germany, April 29, 1835, a son of Theodore Bloom, who emigrated to the new world with his family in 1848, and settled in Rochester, New York, where the mother died. After residing there some years the father joined some of his children in Akron, Ohio, where he spent the last years of his life.

Adam Bloom was a lad of thirteen years when he came with his family to the United States, and grew to manhood in Akron. He had previously attended school, but his knowledge of the English language has been mainly acquired through his own unaided efforts. When quite young he commenced clerking in a store at Akron, and for four years was in the employ of one man who was engaged in both wholesale and retail trade, during which time he acquired a thorough business training.

In the fall of 1856 Mr. Bloom came to Iowa, and during the following winter was employed in a wholesale store in Davenport. He came to DeWitt in March, 1857, and after clerking for about a year he started a restaurant. A year later he put in a small stock of groceries, and as his trade demanded he increased his stock from year to year until he had one of the best groceries in the town, but sold his store in 1866. Prior to this he had become interested in buying, feeding and shipping stock, and after selling his grocery he opened a meat market, which he carried on in connection with his stock dealing for two years. At the end of that time he bought back the store and continued to engage in the grocery trade quite successfully until 1897, at the same time feeding considerable stock upon his farm. Since then he has lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. He began his business career with no capital, and the success that he has achieved is due entirely to his own industry, perseverance and good management. Prosperity has attended his well-directed efforts, however, and he is to-day one of the substantial men of the county, owning several fine farms besides a good home in DeWitt. He is also a stockholder in the First National Bank of that place, which he assisted in establishing.

At DeWitt, in 1860, Mr. Bloom was united in marriage with Miss Adaline Yeaga, a native of Switzerland, and a daughter of ——— Yeaga, who, on coming to this country first settled in Michigan, and later came to Clinton county, Iowa. Eight children were born to our subject and his wife, of whom one, Mary, died at the age of about ten months. Those living are Frances, at home; Charles, who is married and engaged in farming in Bloomfield township; John, who is married, and Frank are engaged in business in DeWitt; William, who is married and follows farming in Eaton township; Frederick and Joseph, both at home.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860 Mr. Bloom has never failed in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and for several terms he efficiently served as alderman of DeWitt, though he has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking. He was reared in the Catholic faith, and he and his family are communicants of the church of that denomination in DeWitt. They are widely and favorably known, and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the village where they reside.

HANS GREVE.

One of Clinton's most progressive and energetic business men is Hans Greve, a president of Greve, Hansen & Company, manufacturers of the celebrated Standard bunch kindling wood, and wholesale and retail dealers in wood, hard and soft coal, and everything along that line. Mr. Greve, the founder of this enterprise, was born in Germany, on the 20th of September, 1851, a son of John Henry Greve, also a native

of that country, but who never came to America. The mother is still living and continues to reside in Germany. Our subject is one of a family of five children. He was reared and educated in the land of his birth and in 1870 came to the new world, locating first in Calumet county, Wisconsin, where he spent four years engaged in farming. At the end of that time he removed to Clinton, Iowa, where he has since made his home, and was in the employ of C. Lamb & Sons until he embarked in his present business.

It was in 1888 that Mr. Greve established the kindling wood business on Eighteenth avenue, one block south of his present location, and was alone in business until the 1st of November, 1899, when the concern became incorporated under the present style of Greve, Hansen & Company, Mr. Hansen becoming connected with the enterprise at that time. The factory was destroyed by fire the year previous. The present officers of the company are Hans Greve, president; George Trager, vice-president; and L. J. Hansen, secretary and treasurer, while these with Hans L. Hansen constitute the directors. Although Mr. Greve started the business on a small scale, all necessary machinery was made according to his own ideas, models and patents and proved far superior to the high priced machines of eastern make and of much greater capacity. His ability, energy and inventive genius have placed him at the head of one of the important industries of the city, and the firm now employs from twenty to twenty-four men. Their factory, which is located on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, has a capacity of three carloads per day, and the product is mostly all shipped to Chicago, although they sell quite a large amount in other cities, including Omaha and Des Moines.



HANS GREVE.

Mr. Greve was married in 1847 to Miss Katherine Jens, of Calumet county, Wisconsin, and to them were born eight children, namely: Minnie, now the wife of John O'Brien, of Clinton; Pauline and Josephine, twins, the latter now the wife of George Trager, an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and also vice-president of Greve, Hansen & Company; Martha, wife of Lorenz J. Hansen, secretary and treasurer of the company; Clara; Margaret; Oscar; and John.

Socially Mr. Greve is a member of the German Society of Clinton, Wallahala Lodge, No. 150, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Clinton Encampment, No. 196, the Fraternal Brotherhood of the World, and the Mystic Workers of the World. He has made for himself an honorable record in business, and his success is due entirely to his own industry, perseverance and good management, for he came to America without capital. His prosperity is therefore well deserved, and his life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social circles.

DANIEL HOLLOWELL.

Among the energetic and progressive business men of Clinton is this well-known district agent for the Mutual Life Insurance company, of New York. He is a native of Illinois, born in Whiteside county, March 8, 1858, and is a son of John and Sarah (Clough) Hollowell. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary Hollowell, who came to this country from England about seventy-seven years ago and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where the grandfather died at the age of forty-two

years. By occupation he was a carpet-weaver. His children by his first marriage were James, John and Daniel. For his second wife he married Bartholomew Bailey, by whom he had one child, Jane.

John Hollowell, our subject's father, was a native of England, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade. At the age of thirty he removed to Fenton, Whiteside county, Illinois, where he followed his trade and also engaged in farming until his retirement from active labor. He was always a healthy man, and died very suddenly while cutting kindling wood, at the age of seventy years. His wife departed this life at the age of fifty-eight years. She was a native of Bramley, England, and a daughter of Robert Clough. Unto John and Sarah Hollowell were born seventeen children, as follows: Hannah, deceased; Martha, wife of J. W. Wilson; Mary Ann, wife of J. T. Forth; Anna, deceased; twin daughters, who died in infancy; Daniel, our subject; Sarah M., wife of J. H. Mensch; Robert, Emma, William and Henry, all deceased; John and James, twins, both now deceased; Charles and George, both deceased; and a son who died in infancy. While a resident of Philadelphia the father served as market inspector, and held some minor offices in Illinois. Religiously he was first an Episcopalian, and later a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men, being a member of the former order for a quarter of a century.

Mr. Hollowell, of this review, grew to manhood on the home farm and acquired his early education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He never attended school, however, but three months after

reaching the age of ten years, though he studied at home, and at the age of thirteen took the examination and received a second-grade certificate to teach, but was then too young to follow that pursuit. He remained on the home farm until becoming of age. On attaining his majority he purchased a farm near Fenton, Whiteside county, Illinois, which he had fully paid for at the age of thirty, and which he still owns. He pursued a commercial course at the Iowa Business College in Davenport, and was graduated from that in 1890. After leaving school he was engaged in the insurance business in that city for a short time, but since 1891 has made his home in Clinton, and has successfully engaged in the same occupation. As a side issue he has recently taken the agency for several fire insurance companies, and also deals quite extensively in city real estate.

In 1893 Mr. Hollowell was united in marriage with Miss Georgia McMullen, a daughter of Charles McMullen, of Morrison, Illinois. They have two children: Gladys Lucile, born April 3, 1895; and Leighton Everett, born September 28, 1900; During his residence in Illinois Mr. Hollowell served as school director nine years, and was clerk of the board the entire time. In politics he supports the men and measures of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been a member of the official board for twenty-three years and held all the offices in the church. He also affiliates with the blue lodge, No. 255, and the Eastern Star Chapter of the Masonic fraternity; the Knights of Pythias; the Mystic Workers of the World; and the Court of Honor. He is quite prominent socially, and in business affairs has the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

CHARLES C. JUDD.

This well-known and popular citizen of Camanche, Iowa, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, February 17, 1851, and was only five years old when brought to Clinton county by his parents, Calvin and Jane E. (Rudd) Judd, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. He acquired his early education in the public schools of Camanche, where the family made their home, and later attended business college in Davenport.

On starting out in life for himself Mr. Judd was engaged in the grocery business for five or six years, and since then has been a dealer in pumps, windmills, plumbing goods, etc. He is today one of the leading business men of the place, receiving a liberal patronage. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Miss Alice N. Smith, of Milford, Connecticut, and to them have been born three children, as follows: George T., now living in St. Paul, Minnesota, is connected with the School of Correspondence at Scranton, Pennsylvania, and stands second in their list of employees. He has recently won a medal for his services, and in consideration for the same has been given a two weeks' trip to their headquarters. Ada is attending the Clinton high school. Ray C. is at home.

Socially Mr. Judd is a member of Camanche Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., with which he has been connected since attaining his majority, and in which he is now serving as treasurer. In politics he votes for the men and measures most qualified for office, and has taken a very active and influential part in public affairs. He served as mayor of Camanche two different terms; was justice of the peace at various times for ten years; township clerk two terms;

and president of the school board several years. Since 1891 he has been notary public. His public and private life are above reproach, for his career has ever been one characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. He is justly regarded as one of the most prominent citizens of the place.

WILLIAM D. JACOBSEN.

William D. Jacobsen the well-known and popular postmaster of Lyons, and one of the most prominent citizens of the place, was born there on the 13th of November, 1856, a son of Albert M. and Mary A. Jacobsen. The father was born in France in 1821; in 1845 he emigrated to the United States. After spending some time in various places he came to Lyons, Iowa, from Galena, Illinois, in 1848, and entered into mercantile business, being one of the first to carry a full line of general merchandise, his store being situated on the river front. As he prospered in his new home, he invested his capital in real estate, all of which became quite valuable. He died in 1860, at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. The children born to him were Pauline A., deceased; Emma F., wife of H. C. Boardman, of Nevada, Iowa; Albert D., deceased; William D., our subject; and Louis V., deceased. For her second husband the mother married Ezra Batchelder, by whom she had one child, Laura E., now the wife of J. F. Barker, of Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. Jacobsen, of this review, obtained his early education in the public school of Lyons, and later attended an academy in Chicago, the college at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and business college in Poughkeepsie,

New York. He was engaged in mercantile trade in Lyons from 1885 to 1889, and since then has devoted his attention to his real estate interests, which are quite extensive. After his return from college he studied law with A. R. Cotton, and was admitted to the bar in 1881, but never engaged in the practice of that profession.

Socially Mr. Jacobsen is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In August, 1899, he was appointed postmaster of his native city, to succeed M. D. Madden, and has since discharged the duties of that office in a prompt and able manner, worthy of the highest commendation. As clerks he employs C. H. Leedham, Lucy H. Madden, Gordon W. Hempel and William K. Nattinger, while L. E. Madden serves as assistant postmaster. This office receives sixteen mails a day and has one rural route, which was established August 15, 1900, and is now conducted by C. L. Rogers, the distance being twenty-eight and a half miles.

CALVIN JUDD.

One of Camanche's old and most highly esteemed citizens is Calvin Judd, who was born on the 14th of May, 1824, in Naugatuck, a part of the town of Waterbury, New Haven county, Connecticut, and is the oldest and only living representative in a family of five children, whose parents were Asel and Martha (Platt) Judd. The father was a wool-carder by trade and followed that occupation throughout life, first working in a factory for others and later establishing a factory of his own for carding wool. He died in the east at the age of thirty-eight years, and his wife, who long

survived him, and died in the east, at the age of eighty-four.

Calvin Judd attended the common schools of his native state until twelve years of age, when he commenced working in the carding factory belonging to his father, and was thus employed until coming west. On the 22d of October, 1848, he was united in marriage with Miss Jane E. Rood, a daughter of John and Hannah (Baldwin) Rood, in whose family were fifteen children, twelve of whom grew to man and womanhood and were married.

In 1856 Mr. Judd came to Camanche, Clinton county, Iowa, arriving here on the 12th of March. Having learned the carpenter's trade in New Haven, Connecticut, he took up that occupation on coming here and has made it his life work, having been identified with the erection of many buildings in Camanche and throughout the surrounding country. During the Civil war he rented a farm for two years and operated the same in addition to work at his trade.

Mrs. Judd died May 14, 1894, and was laid to rest in the Camanche cemetery. She was the mother of five children, all of whom are living, namely: (1) Charles C. is represented on another page of this volume. (2) Oscar P., who is now a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, and district superintendent of the Remington Typewriter Company, married Minnie Harrison, of Davenport, Iowa, and they have four children. (3) Horace L., a veteran of the Spanish-American war, a teamster of Moline, Illinois, married Mrs. Celia Shadle, widow of Harvey Shadle. (4) Jane E. is the wife of Edward N. Woodbury, a native of Massachusetts and a plumber of Clinton, Iowa. They have two children. (5) Laura M. is now teaching in the public schools of Clinton.

Politically Mr. Judd was originally a

Whig, but since the organization of the Republican party has never failed to vote that ticket. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, No. 60, of Camanche, and of the Presbyterian church of Clinton, to which his wife also belonged. He is widely and favorably known as a man of strict integrity and sterling worth, and is held in the highest regard by his many friends.



HARVEY H. POTTER.

It is not difficult to determine the secret of Mr. Potter's success in life. It has resulted from close application, fidelity to duty and trustworthiness,—qualities which may be cultivated by all and which never fail to bring a satisfactory reward. For thirty-eight years he has been in the employ of the house of C. Lamb & Sons, and is now foreman of the sawmill department,—an important position which he is filling most capably.

Mr. Potter was born in Wyoming county, New York, February 11, 1838, and is a son of Daniel and Chloe (Price) Potter, both of whom were of English descent, while the latter was a daughter of William Price, who for seven years served as a member of the body guard of General Washington in the war of the Revolution. Both the parents were natives of Vermont, the father born in 1808, the mother in 1818. He was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit in New York, where he also built a small sawmill, engaging in the manufacture of lumber. He cleared his own land, which was covered with a heavy growth of timber, and there continued his business interests until 1837, when he came to the Mississippi valley, locating in Illinois, where he experienced one

of the most severe winters that has ever visited this portion of the country. He had expected to buy land and follow farming in that state, but on account of the severity of the winter he returned to New York, where he carried on agricultural pursuits and manufacture of lumber until 1862, when he again went to Illinois, settling in Rushville, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1885. His wife died in New York in 1854. He was a man of domestic tastes, attached to his home and family, and never sought political honors or office. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Potter was a highly educated lady and was very active in church work. She was also most devoted to her home and family, and did everything in her power for the welfare of her husband and children, and her sons and daughters hold her in sacred remembrance. She was also a loyal and faithful friend and won the love and esteem of all who knew her. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Potter were born seven children, of whom two died in early childhood, while the others reached mature years, namely: Caroline, who died in 1854; Mrs. Elmira Morrill, who with her husband is living retired in Kansas; H. P.; Celeste, who was married and died in Illinois in 1897; Helen, the wife of A. Stambaugh, who formerly engaged in farming, but is now living retired in Astoria, Illinois. The children were all educated in the common schools of New York.

On account of his father's health our subject had to leave school at an early age and began work on the home farm, also assisting in the operation of the sawmill. He was thus employed until seventeen years of age, when his father gave him his time, but for several years thereafter he was con-

nected with his father in business. In the spring of 1857 he left the Empire state and came direct to Iowa, locating in Jackson county, where he engaged in farming until 1860. He then went to Sabula, where he was married in 1861 to Rebecca M. Colmary, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1839, and at an early day came to Iowa with her parents. Her father, David Colmary, was a molder by trade and was the first man who ever put in a hard coal blast in Pennsylvania. His children were David, who is living in Lyons; Mrs. Elizabeth Hoyt, a resident of Clinton; Mrs. Rebecca Potter; Mrs. Annetta Nickel, of Morris, Illinois; and Mrs. Sarah Potter, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In 1862 Mr. and Mrs. Potter, of this review, came to Clinton and have since been permanent residents of this city. The following year he entered the employ of C. Lamb & Sons as a workman in the sawmills, and after serving in that capacity for several years he was promoted to assistant foreman, serving in that position for twelve years. In January, 1895, he was made foreman and has since had the superintendence of the mills. He has seventy-five men under his control. Familiar with every branch of the business his practical experience, combined with good executive ability, well qualifies him for the important position which he now occupies and which he is ably filling.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter have but one son, William H. Potter, who was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of the Clinton high school. He also took a complete course in the Clinton Business College, standing at the head of his class in the examinations. He is now a fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. In 1882 Mr. Potter purchased his present

home in Clinton, where he and his wife are now pleasantly situated, surrounded with many of the comforts and luxuries of life. Socially he is a prominent Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of Clinton. For almost four decades he has been in the employ of one firm and no stronger evidence of faithfulness and capability could be given. His work has ever been satisfactorily performed and his integrity is above question. His advancement has come through merit, and the success he has achieved is due to his own labors. Mrs. Potter died June 1, 1901.

RICHARD FARRELL.

Among the substantial and enterprising farmers of Deep Creek township is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, November 15, 1845, and was only six years old when he came to the United States with his parents, Martin and Mary (Tierney) Farrell, who were also natives of County Cavan. They were three months in crossing the briny deep to the port of New Orleans, and then went up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Clark county, Ohio, where they spent four years. By way of the same streams they then came to Lyons, Iowa, and located in Deep Creek township, on an eighty-acre tract of unbroken prairie land, which an uncle had purchased for the father at the government price of one dollar and a quarter per acre. He kept adding to his property as his financial resources permitted until he had three hundred acres of fine farming land.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest in a family of ten children, the others being as

follows: Bridget, widow of Thomas Manning and a resident of Center township, this county; Thomas; Peter, who wedded Mary Lanagan and lives in Orange township; Anna, wife of Timothy Crammon, of Minnesota; Maria, wife of John Laughlin, of Bryant, Iowa; Catherine, wife of Andrew Hand, of Hampshire township; James, who lives on the old homestead on section thirty-four, Deep Creek township; Martin, who married Elizabeth Dowling and resides in the same township; and John, who owns the old home farm. The father died in 1896, aged eighty-seven years; the mother in 1899, aged seventy-eight, and both were laid to rest in St. Mary's cemetery, Bryant, Iowa.

Richard Farrell obtained his education in the district schools near his boyhood home, and gave his father the benefit of his labors on the farm until twenty-five years of age. He was married, January 1, 1870, to Miss Hester Catherine Nolan. Her parents, James and Mary (Hanna) Nolan, were born, reared and married in County Down, Ireland, and came to America in 1851, landing at Boston, Massachusetts, after a voyage of twelve weeks. They first located in Douglas, that state, and later lived at New Englandville, Massachusetts, until 1854, when the father returned to Ireland on account of his health, and died there in 1855. In 1857 the mother went to live with her parents in Center township, where she spent a few years, and then married Thomas Muldoon, who died in 1873. She now makes her home in Lyons. By her first marriage she had five daughters, namely: Jane, wife of Thomas Tierney, of Deep Creek township, this county; Nancy, who married Thomas Keegan, and both are now deceased; Mary, who lives with her mother in Lyons; Hester Catherine, wife of our

subject; and Susan, wife of Andrew McCormick, of Palo Alto county, Iowa.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Farrell were as follows: Mary, at home; Martin, who is a graduate of the Chicago College of Law, and is now engaged in practice in that city; Anna Frances and Jennie Theresa, twins, the former now the wife of Jay Sullivan, of Bryant, Iowa, the latter a teacher; Catherine, at home; Esther Louise, a music teacher; Rose, at home; James; Richard; John, who is attending St. Joseph's College in Dubuque; Clara, who died at the age of five years, and was buried in St. Mary's cemetery; Bryant, Thomas and Oswald, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell began their domestic life upon an eighty-acre farm on section twenty-eight, Deep Creek township, and later added to it one hundred acres, which is now well improved, he having erected a fine modern residence, a good barn and other buildings upon the property. He carries on general farming quite successfully. By his ballot Mr. Farrell supports the Democratic party, and he has filled several local offices, including that of school director. He and his family are members of St. Mary's church of Bryant, and are well liked in the community where they reside.



ERNEST AUGUST RODEN.

The well-known farmer who resided on section 4, Berlin township, whose name introduces this review, was of foreign birth. He was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, June 6, 1824, and is a son of August L. and Fredericka (Boedker) Roden, who were farming people and spent their entire lives in that country. Our sub-

ject acquired his early education in the public schools of his native land, and later attended a university. During his boyhood he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, and subsequently was in the employ of a neighboring farmer for three years.

In 1847 Mr. Roden came to the United States, landing in New York after a voyage of sixty-six days. After spending a short time in that city and not being able to find employment, he went to Northampton, Massachusetts, where he worked in a woolen factory for a year, and the following year was spent at Warehouse Point, Connecticut. He then came to Iowa in 1849, and lived for eleven years in Davenport and Scott county, working in a brick-yard two years and following farming the remainder of the time. Coming to Clinton county in 1860, he first rented a small farm in Brookfield township, and later purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Berlin township, which was entirely unimproved when it came into his possession. He built a large and substantial residence, hauling all the lumber from Davenport by team, which was quite an undertaking at that time, as there were no bridges. He placed acre after acre of his land under the plow until it is now a highly cultivated tract and well improved. Mr. Roden is engaged in stock raising as well as farming, and is meeting with well-deserved success.

At Northampton, Massachusetts, June 19, 1847, Mr. Roden married Miss Caroline Frederica Otto, who was also born in Germany and at an early age came with her parents to the new world. By this union were born ten children, as follows: (1) August, a farmer of Kansas, married Fredericka Boedcker, and to them were born eight children: Lewis; Walter; Alma, who

married Frank Munsell, of Kansas, and has one son, Reuben; Lula; Rose; John; and two who died in infancy. (2) Bertha is the wife of Soren Jorgensen, a farmer of Berlin township, this county, and they have five children: (a) Albert married a Miss Rand and lives near Welton, Iowa; (b) Lawrence is the second in order of birth; (c) Caroline is the wife of Claus Minster, a farmer of Spring Rock township, this county, and they have four children, Edna, Bertha, Alta and Elmer; (d) Amanda is the wife of Edward Schoenthaler and they have one child, Lula; and (e) Laura completes the family. The mother of these children died in 1887, and Mr. Jorgensen subsequently married her sister Otille. (3) Herminie is the wife of Claus Ketelsen, a farmer of Brookfield township, and they have ten children: Ernest, Caroline, Annie, Albertine, Tilla, Martha, Minnie, Freda, Amanda and Hilda. Of this family Caroline is now the wife of Henry Hohn, a farmer of Berlin township, and they have one child living, Lillian. (4) Emma is the wife of Jens Christenson, a farmer of Sharon township, this county. (5) Caroline is the wife of Hans Peter Christensen, a farmer of Brookfield township, and they have eight children, Nora, Edward, Lewis, Esther, Martha, Charles, Alma and Urban. Nora is the wife of Henry Cooper, a farmer of Welton township. (6) Otille is the second wife of Soren Jorgensen, as previously stated. (7) Albertina is the wife of Julius Adrain, a farmer of Brookfield township, and they have five children, Lena, Tilla, August, Otto and Ralph. (8) Lewis, a farmer of York county, Nebraska, married Theckla Rutenbeck, and they have two children, Lulu and Myrtle. (9) Sophia died at the age of two weeks. (10) Otto, who now operates the home farm, married Matilda Adrain, and

they had four children: Mabel; Ogla, deceased; Elsie; and Howard, all born on the old homestead in Berlin township. As will be seen, our subject has eight children living, thirty-eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Roden uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. He capably filled the offices of township trustee and justice of the peace, and also held other positions of honor and trust. He was a public-spirited man and one who advocated all that tended to advance or improve the community in which he resided. Religiously he was a member of the Lutheran church, which his family also attend. Mr. Roden died July 15, 1901, and was buried at Lost Nation.



CHARLES P. GUYER.

Prominent among the representative citizens and respected and influential men of Sharon township is found the subject of this biographical notice, who owns over four hundred acres of fine farming land in that and Brookfield townships. This property is well improved and highly cultivated, and shows conclusively that the owner has not mistaken his calling in adopting agriculture.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Guyer was born in the Shenandoah Valley, February 5, 1856, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Allen) Guyer, who were also natives of the Old Dominion, their entire lives being passed on a plantation in the Shenandoah Valley. The mother is now deceased, and the father resides on the old homestead. In their family were seven children, the only ones living in the west being our subject

and his brother John, who is an extensive farmer of Brookfield township, this county.

Charles P. Guyer obtained his education in the schools of his native state, and remained there until the 1st of March, 1878, when he started west, his destination being Clinton county, Iowa. He settled near the village of Elwood, in Brookfield township, where he worked on several farms for several years. He was then married to Miss Elizabeth Phillips, who was also born in the Shenandoah Valley, and is a daughter of William Phillips, an early settler and extensive farmer of Brookfield township, this county. By this union were born two children: William Tilder, at home; and Jennie, who died at the age of three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Guyer began their domestic life upon their resident farm in Sharon township, which he rented for one year, but at the end of that time returned to Brookfield township, where he engaged in farming eight years on a tract of eighty acres. He then purchased the farm which he now occupies, exchanging his property in Brookfield on the purchase price, it being known as the old Lyman place, and consisting of two hundred and forty acres on section twenty-three, Sharon township. Besides this property he now owns eighty acres on section twenty-four, the same township, and ninety-five acres in Brookfield township. He has made all the improvements upon his land and has a beautiful residence. Mr. Guyer pays considerable attention to stock raising, and his success in this line has been marked, being a man of good business ability and sound judgment. On starting out in life for himself he was empty-handed, but has always made the most of his opportunities, and is to-day quite well-to-do. Since attaining his majority he has always affiliated with the Democracy, and for the

past three years has efficiently served as trustee of Sharon township, being the present incumbent. Mrs. Guyer is a member of the German Reformed church of Brookfield township.

WILLIAM ZINGG.

The subject of this sketch, who has efficiently filled the position of engineer for C. Lamb & Sons, of Clinton, for many years, was born in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 6th of August, 1841, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Zingg, both natives of Switzerland, the former born in 1803, the latter in 1805. Our subject's paternal grandfather was Jacob Zingg, who died at the advanced age of ninety-six years, while his son John lived to be over one hundred and one years of age. Both died in Canada, where they emigrated at an early day. In 1832 the parents of our subject also came to the new world with their two children and settled in Ohio, but later removed to Canada, where they made their home until coming to Iowa, in 1863. Locating in Henry county, the father opened up a new farm. He was a shoemaker by trade, but after coming to this country engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was operating a farm in Henry county at the time of his death, which occurred in February, 1881. He was a well-educated man, and by hard work became quite well-to-do. During his lifetime he purchased, improved and sold several farms, and owned one hundred and sixty acres at the time of his death. In politics he was a Democrat, but was never an active party worker. Both he and his wife were earnest and faithful members of the Methodist church. She also died in Henry county in 1879.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, all of whom reached maturity, though Henry, the youngest son, died in Dallas county, Iowa, at the age of twenty-two years. Those living are Jacob, a farmer of Henry county; John, a farmer of Taylor county, Iowa; William, our subject; Fred, a farmer of Tama county; Mary, wife of John Merner, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Elizabeth, widow of George Heble, and a resident of Mt. Pleasant, Henry county; Charlotte, wife of Andrew Renner, of Henry county.

William Zingg attended the common schools of Canada until thirteen years of age, but his education was acquired under difficult circumstances. He aided his father in the work of the home farm until March, 1856, when he went to Henry county, Iowa, and worked as a laborer for two years. At the end of that time he entered a flouring mill, where he served a four-years' apprenticeship, at first receiving only thirty-five cents per day. He was employed a year longer in this mill, and then went to Pike's Peak, Colorado, for his health. On his return to Iowa, he located at Mt. Pleasant, and while there he thoroughly mastered the blacksmith's trade. In 1862 he returned to his old home in Westport, Canada, and opened a blacksmith shop, which he conducted about four years.

On the 21st of March, 1865, in Canada, Mr. Zingg was united in marriage with Miss Jane Cowan, who was born in Scotland, May 12, 1840, but was reared and educated in Canada, where the family removed when she was only two years old. Her parents, who were farming people, died there. Their children were John, a farmer of Canada; Samuel, a ranchman of Montana; Margaret, wife of John Shearer, of Canada; Elizabeth, widow of a Mr. Little;

and Jane, deceased, wife of our subject. Mr. Zingg died in Clinton in February, 1885, leaving three children, namely: (1) William H., who is engaged in the insurance business in Minneapolis, and is adjuster for the states of Minnesota and South Dakota, is married and has one son, Boyd A. (2) Margaret H. is the wife of Harry H. Hegunin, a steamboat pilot residing in Clinton, and they have two children, Louisa and Harriet. (3) Minnie B. is the wife of George Quick, of Clinton, who is a fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and they have two children, Jeanette and Lucile. One son of our subject, Oscar, died in childhood. The children were educated in the public schools of Clinton and the Clinton Business College. For four years William H. was employed in the banks of Clinton, and was then elected city treasurer, being the youngest man in the state to fill such an office. He was elected on the Republican ticket by a majority of one thousand and five and was always an active worker in political circles. He has a very lucrative position and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the insurance business.

About a year after his marriage, in the spring of 1866, Mr. Zingg returned to Iowa, and spent a short time in Washington county, but in the fall of the same year came to Clinton, where he followed blacksmithing in a jobbing shop until the fall of 1868 when he commenced working at his trade for C. Lamb & Sons, remaining with them in that capacity until the spring of 1877. He was next in the employ of the Union Iron Works until 1881, when he returned to the Lamb mills as engineer, a position he has since filled. He is a thorough mechanic and has modified the work and materials in such a way as to run the mills at the least

expense to the company. He has their entire confidence and his services have been highly appreciated by them. In 1870 Mr. Zingg purchased a lot in Clinton and erected thereon a good residence. He has owned several houses, which he has improved and sold at a profit, and now has a nice home at 601 Camanche avenue.

Religiously Mr. Zingg is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged, and socially he is a Master Mason. His political support is always given the Republican party, but he takes no active part in politics aside from voting. As a poor boy he began life in Iowa with no money but a willing disposition. Being energetic and enterprising, he soon found employment, and has steadily progressed until he is now quite well-to-do, his success being due to his industry and his efficiency in his chosen calling. He has quite a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

ADNA J. NICHOLS.

Adna J. Nichols, who for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of Clinton county, but is now living a retired life in Camanche, was born on the 25th of August, 1849, in Westport, Essex county, Vermont, a son of Jonathan and Anna (Finney) Nichols, whose family number 14 children, all of whom are living, our subject being the youngest in order of birth. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in June, 1853, emigrated westward with his family, settling in Camanche township, Clinton county, Iowa, upon a tract of one hundred acres of land, for which he paid nine dollars per acre. There

he continued the cultivation of his fields until his death, and in the meantime he had added to his farm until at one time he was the owner of one hundred and eighty acres, constituting a very valuable property. His death occurred in 1892. The mother of our subject had died in the east and the father had afterward married Orilla Augier, of Vermont, by whom he had one child. In his political views he was always a stalwart Republican and as a citizen whose deep interest in the welfare of his community was manifested in many substantial ways.

The subject of this review was only four years of age when he came with his father to Clinton county, and in the district schools of Camanche township he pursued his education. He also early became familiar with all the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist and assisted his father in the improvement of the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age, when he made preparation for the establishment of a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Fanny Walls, who was a native of England and came with her parents to Clinton county in 1853, the family locating in Eden township. She was one of eight children. Her father died about 1872 and her mother passed away in 1898. He was one of the pioneer farmers of the community, and in his political allegiance was a stalwart Republican. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols was blessed with one child, Roy Adna, but they were called upon to mourn his loss in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Nichols continued farming on his own account until 1882, when he established an agricultural implement store in Camanche, which he conducted for four years. He then went to Kentucky and embarked in the lumber business, but the latter enterprise did not prove profit-

able, and, returning to Clinton county, he engaged in farming until about three years ago, when on account of ill health he put aside the duties of an agricultural life. He now owns two hundred acres of rich land and from its rental derives a good income. He resides in Camanche, where in addition to his home he owns other town property. He and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist church, and he has been prominent in his township in connection with public office. He served as township assessor for ten consecutive years, has been a member of the township board of trustees and is now serving as township clerk in a most acceptable and commendable manner. The greater part of his life has been passed in Clinton county, and the fact that many of his warmest friends are numbered among those who have known him from boyhood is indicative of an upright, useful and honorable career.

PETER C. HANSEN.

Peter C. Hansen, who occupies an influential and prominent position among the agricultural population of Washington township, is the owner of a splendid farm of three hundred and seven acres on section 12. He was born in Slavewick, Germany, October 26, 1841, and is a son of H. P. and Marie (Ahrens) Hansen, also natives of that country. On the emigration of the family to America, they came directly west on landing in New York, and located in Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. Later he bought the farm where our subject now resides, but continued to make his home in Center

township until called to his final rest in January, 1889. His wife died in 1881, and both were buried in the Ingorsen cemetery at Center Grove. They had a family of five children, namely: Sabina was first married in Germany to B. Paulsen, now deceased, and for her second husband she wedded Nicholas Holst, a farmer of Jones county, Iowa; Peter C. is next in order of birth; August is married and lives near Verdi, Minnesota; Henry married Maggie Boone and resides on a farm in Center Grove, Iowa; and Annie is the wife of Cornelius Peterson, of Washington township, this county.

The subject of this sketch attended the schools of his native land until sixteen years of age, and then assisted his father in the labors of the farm. In 1866 he accompanied the family on their removal to the new world, and aided in the work of the home farm until his marriage. Returning to Germany he was married January 20, 1876, to Miss Marie Boysen, who was born in the fatherland July 14, 1847, and was a daughter of Boy and Maggie (Peterson) Boysen, who spent their entire lives in that country. She was one of a family of six children, of whom three are still living in Germany. Mrs. Hansen died on the 3d of January, 1890, and was laid to rest in the Ingorsen cemetery. Besides her husband she left four children to mourn her loss, namely: Matilda, born April 30, 1879; Bony, born March 30, 1881; Henry, born August 17, 1883; and Peter, born June 24, 1886.

Mr. Hansen was again married January 20, 1891, at Charlotte, Iowa, his second union being with Miss Liene Boldt, who was also born in Germany, November 20, 1847, a daughter of Frank and Henrietta (Wittiker) Hansen, natives of the

same country. In 1872 she came with her parents to America and settled in Waterford township, Clinton county, Iowa, where the father purchased eighty-eight acres of land, making his home there until his death, which occurred November 11, 1898. He was buried in Goldman cemetery in Waterford township. His wife is still living and now makes her home with her son, Charles Boldt, in St. Louis, Missouri. In her family were four children: August, who married Christina Leckwein and resides in Charlotte, Iowa; Liene, wife of our subject; Charles, who is married and resides in St. Louis; and Bertha is a missionary of the Baptist church and is now in South Africa.

On the death of his father Mr. Hansen took charge of the farm in Washington township, while his brother assumed the management of the home farm in Center township. In connection with the operation of his land our subject gives considerable attention to stock-raising, buying and fattening cattle for market. He feeds all the grain that he raises to his stock and buys more from his neighbors. He is regarded as one of the most enterprising, energetic and successful agriculturists of his township, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. He attends the German Lutheran church at Charlotte. In politics he is independent, and supports all measures which he believes calculated to promote the best interests of the people.

JOSEPH C. NEISSLIE.

Among the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Clinton, Iowa, is this carpenter and contractor, who was born in Wurtemberg, in 1836, a son of Adam and Catherine (Titus) Neisslie. He was but

eight years old when his mother died, and in 1847 came to America, with his father, who first located in Trenton, New Jersey, and from there removed to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Later he came to Lisbon, Iowa, and spent his last days at Council Bluffs, where his death occurred.

At the age of twelve years Joseph C. Neisslie began learning the carpenter's and millwright's trades at Trenton, New Jersey. In November, 1863, he came to Clinton, Iowa, where he was at first employed as a journeyman carpenter on bridge work for the old Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railway, now the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. In 1872 he commenced work in the Clinton Lumber Mills, as millwright, and later was in the employ of W. J. Young for seventeen years in the same capacity. He next engaged in contracting and building in Clinton, and also took contracts for building freight and round houses, as well as other buildings for the railroad, and at the present time is engaged in building in Clinton.

Mr. Neisslie married Miss Margaret Kapp, who died in 1898, at the age of sixty years. Unto them were born ten children, as follows: George, who is now connected with the round house of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, at Clinton; Adam, a saw-filer and carpenter, who married Sadie Shibley, and has two children, Lisle and Margaret; Lenora, at home; Sadie, widow of R. Newburn; Margaret, at home; Andrew, a railroad fireman, who married Gertrude Snell; Katherine, bookkeeper for Reed & Conger, of Clinton; Emma, at home; Schiller, a painter and carpenter; and Blanche, at home. The family are Presbyterians in religious belief, with the exception of our subject, who is a Lutheran, and all are held in the highest esteem by their many friends and acquaintances.

The wife of our subject was a descendant of the Bunyat family, and the grandfather was an interpreter in the employ of the German government during the Napoleonic war; and her uncle, Herr Von Greulich, was a titled man, and was a native of Heidelberg, and owned a line of ships that plied between Germany and Australia.

CHARLES A. EGGLESTON.

Prominent among the progressive and successful agriculturists of De Witt township is Charles A. Eggleston, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred acres on section thirty, within two miles of the village of De Witt. He was born in Essex county, New York, on the 8th of December, 1840, and is a son of Roswell Eggleston, who was born in the same county, in 1799, his paternal grandfather, Captain Richard Eggleston, having been one of the early settlers of that locality. On reaching manhood, Roswell Eggleston married Sarah Reynolds, who was also a native of Essex county. Later they removed to St. Lawrence county, New York, where the father followed farming until coming west, in the spring of 1855. The journey was made by way of Chicago and Rock Island, and at the latter place the family took a boat for Lyons, Iowa. Mr. Eggleston purchased a farm near Elvira and engaged in its operation for a number of years, but spent his last days in Lyons, where his death occurred, May 18, 1890. His wife survived him a few years, passing away March 21, 1893.

The subject of this sketch was fifteen years of age when he came with his family to Clinton county, and during his minority

he gave his father the benefit of his labors in carrying on the home farm. He completed his education in the common and select schools of Lyons and DeWitt. After arriving at man's estate he purchased a farm near Grundy Center, Grundy county, Iowa, and was engaged in its operation for three years.

Returning to Clinton county, Mr. Eggleston was married, January 3, 1871, to Miss Ada B. Pearce, who was born here, and was a daughter of John R. Pearce, one of the earliest settlers of the county, owning and operating a farm where the city of Clinton now stands. After his marriage Mr. Eggleston located three miles east of DeWitt, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which he owned three years; selling, he bought one hundred and twenty acres, where he now lives, and has since added to it, making a good farm of two hundred acres. He has enlarged and remodeled his residence, built a barn and outbuildings, tiled and fenced the land, and set out fruit and shade trees, so that he now has a very attractive and beautiful place. In connection with the operation of his land he is also engaged in raising and feeding stock for market, making a specialty of hogs, of which he raises a good grade. He began earning his own livelihood by working as a farm hand, and won success by his well-directed and energetic efforts, so that he is now quite well-to-do.

Mr. Eggleston has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died on the 20th of July, 1899, leaving six children: Russell H., a farmer of Plymouth county, Iowa; Alberta, who received a good education, and is now teaching in the school of DeWitt; Leonard, who aids his father in carrying on the home farm; Grace, who is now keeping house for her

father; Jessie, a teacher of this county; and Harry, a student in the DeWitt schools.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864, Mr. Eggleston has affiliated with the Republican party. He has always taken a deep and commendable interest in educational affairs, and has efficiently served as a member of the school board, and also as president of the district. Since 1866 he has been a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of DeWitt, in which he has filled all the offices, and is now past grand. He is widely known and highly respected, and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

THEODORE HOYT.

Theodore Hoyt, who for almost a third of a century has been a resident of Camanche, and has been actively connected with the building interests in this part of Clinton county, also has a splendid record as a patriotic and valiant citizen, who at the time of the Civil war fought for the defense of the Union and aided in its preservation.

Mr. Hoyt is a native of New York City, born December 13, 1827, being the second in order of birth in a family of four sons and one daughter, whose parents were Henry and Eliza (Alexander) Hoyt, also natives of the metropolis of the country. The father was a tanner by trade and followed that pursuit in New York, but after his removal to Ohio, in 1836, he engaged in farming in Washington county until his life's labors were ended in death, in 1864. His wife passed away several years previous.

The second in order of birth in his father's family, Theodore Hoyt, spent the

first nine years of his life in the east, and then accompanied his father to Ohio, where he was reared and educated, assisting in the cultivation of the home farm. Having arrived at years of maturity he was married on the 17th of August, 1858, in Ohio, to Miss Anna Forrest, a daughter of Martin and Eleanor (Conway) Forrest, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of New York. Her father was an engineer and millwright, and died in 1881, his remains being interred in the Buckeye state, while his wife passed away in Ohio in 1887, and lies buried there. They were the parents of seven children, of whom one died in infancy, while six attained adult age and five are yet living.

When a young man, in Ohio, Mr. Hoyt learned the carpenter's trade, becoming an excellent workman, and he followed that pursuit until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when, on the 7th of July, 1861, he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting among the boys in blue of Company A, Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Marietta, Ohio. He was a loyal and brave soldier, and remained at the front until honorably discharged at Chattanooga, in October, 1863. He participated in a number of important engagements, including the battles of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Chattanooga, and others of less note.

Returning to Ohio, Mr. Hoyt there continued to engage in farming until 1869, when he resolved to try his fortune in Iowa, and accordingly came, with his family, to Camanche, where he has since made his home, his business interests being along the line of his trade. Socially he is a Mason, belonging to Camanche Lodge, No. 60, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is now serving as secretary. In politics he is an earnest Republican, and has filled

the position of township trustee. His wife belongs to the Baptist church. They are people of the highest respectability, esteemed by all who know them for their sterling worth, and in Camanche they are regarded as valued citizens among a wide acquaintance

GEORGE A. SMITH, M. D.

One of the most progressive and successful physicians in Iowa is Dr. George A. Smith, of Clinton, who is a native of this county. He was born on a farm in Center township, July 6, 1854. His parents were Colonel J. Henry and Emily P. (Cooley) Smith, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The father is still a resident of Camanche, but the mother died at her home in that place in May, 1892. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1834, and was a daughter of Thomas Cooley, a prominent politician, who held the position of superintendent of the United States arsenal in Hartford for many years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Kennedy, was of Irish extraction and a direct descendant of one of the passengers of the Mayflower.

Dr. Smith spent his boyhood and young-manhood in Lyons and Camanche, where he attended the public schools. Later, he took a course at the Clinton Business College and the Iowa State University. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to a carpenter and builder, and followed that occupation for four years. When nineteen years of age, he commenced teaching school, to which profession he devoted his attention for several years. He was also clerk and manager of a drug store for three years.

However, having decided to make the practice of medicine and surgery his life

work, Dr. Smith entered the office of Dr. A. B. Ireland, of Camanche, now deceased, and later, entered the medical department of the Iowa State University, from which institution he graduated in March, 1881, with the degree of M. D. During the succeeding four years he engaged in the practice of his profession in Camanche, and in connection conducted a drug store. In July, 1885, he removed to Clinton, and since then has devoted his entire time and attention to his professional duties, building up one of the best practices in eastern Iowa. He gives special attention to surgery and obstetrics, and has for many years been surgeon for the great lumbering firms of W. J. Young & Company and C. Lamb & Sons, and for Curtis Brothers, sash, door and blind manufacturers. He has been alone in practice, with the exception of one year—1889—when he was associated with Dr. A. H. Smith, now deceased, the partnership terminating at the latter's death.

In 1891, under President Harrison's administration, Dr. Smith was appointed United States examining surgeon for pensions, and was a member and secretary of the board for Clinton county and vicinity. He is a member of the Clinton Medical Society in which he has held the offices of president and secretary, and is also a member of the Iowa State Medical Society, in which he served as Chairman of the section on practice of medicine in 1897. In 1893 he was a member of the board of state examiners for the commencement of the medical department of the State University. He has contributed many able articles on medicine and surgery to various periodicals; was associate in charge of the department of medicine of the Iowa Medical Journal for several years after its establishment; and is



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now state correspondent for Iowa, for the Medical Standard, of Chicago. He is chairman for the Second District for the Iowa Physicians' Protective Association, and chairman for Clinton county of the legislative committee of the Iowa State Medical Society. He is an expert examiner for life insurance and represents many companies and fraternal organizations. He made a reputation as such by his very successful work as Medical Director of the Economic Life Association, of Clinton, that company being the one that built the Economic Theatre in this city. His skill and ability as a general practitioner of medicine and surgery are widely recognized, and he enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

On the 4th of October, 1882, at Camanche, Dr. Smith was united in marriage with Mary Antoinette Ireland, youngest daughter of Dr. A. B. Ireland, deceased, and they have two children: Mabel L., born August 8, 1884, at Camanche, and Homer L., born July 7, 1890, at their home, No. 506 Camanche avenue, Clinton.

At the beginning of the Spanish-American war, Dr. Smith tendered his services to the government as a surgeon, and early in June, 1898, was appointed and commissioned a brigade surgeon with the rank of major, by President McKinley. He was assigned to the Sixth Army Corps, but owing to peace negotiations commencing soon afterward, this corps was not organized, and he was transferred to the hospital service at Camp George H. Thomas, Chickamauga Park, Georgia. He was soon advanced to the command of the Second Division, Third Army Corps, Field Hospital, which position he filled until the hospital was discontinued. Not long after this he was taken ill with typhoid fever, and, after a brief sojourn on Lookout Mountain, he

returned home, and the war being ended, he was honorably discharged September 30, 1898.

The Doctor is connected with a number of civic societies, being a member of the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Foresters, of which he is High Physician for the High Court of Iowa, the Mystic Workers of the World, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights and Ladies of Golden Precept, of which he is the Supreme President.

Dr. Smith has always been a political student and an ardent but conservative Republican. Since boyhood, he has been an active worker for the party, and is recognized as one of its most influential members, in county, district and state. He commenced as a drummer boy in the campaign of Grant against Seymour, and has taken a prominent part in every election since. He has attended nearly every delegate convention since arriving at his majority. He was district alternate to the national convention at St. Louis in 1896 for the Second District of Iowa; and as chairman of the Clinton county Republican central committee that year, succeeded by careful organization, and tireless energy, in placing the county in the Republican column, by a majority of nearly one thousand for McKinley, although it had been reliably Democratic for many years. In 1900 the Doctor was prominently mentioned for the nomination for congress from the Second District, but, recognizing the claims of the present incumbent—Captain J. N. W. Rumble—he gracefully seconded his nomination in the convention, and did yeoman service for his election during the campaign. He has never been a candidate for an elective office, except that of director for the Independent School Dis-

trict of Clinton, to which position he has been twice elected. He is now a member of the board and was its president in 1900. He was also elected by the city council of the city of Clinton as physician to the board of health in 1889.

WILLIAM ROSSITER.

The subject of this review is one of the old and honored citizens of Washington township, his home being on section three. He was born on the 15th of March, 1819, in Somerset, England, where his parents, John and Lydia (Benton) Rossiter, spent their entire lives. In the family were ten children, three of whom came to America, these being: James, John and William.

Our subject spent the first eighteen years of his life in his native land, and then came to the new world. He first located in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal and iron mines until 1855, which year witnessed his arrival in Clinton county, Iowa. He and his brother purchased forty acres of land in Washington township, but at that time had no horses with which to operate it. He bought a yoke of cattle and a cow, and at once set to work to break the raw prairie with his own yoke and another he had borrowed. To his original purchase he has added until he now has one hundred and eighty acres of land, where he now resides, and by his industry and frugality he has accumulated a comfortable competence which now enables him to lay aside all business cares and spend his declining years in ease and quiet.

At DeWitt, June 21, 1856, Mr. Rossiter married Miss Melissa J. Rowland, who was born near Madison, Indiana, November

18, 1838, and is a daughter of Jesse and Matilda (Baxter) Rossiter, both natives of Kentucky, though they were married in Indiana. In 1855 the Rowland family came to Iowa and located in Waterford township, Clinton county, where the father purchased land. Later he sold that place and lived for a time in Goose Lake, but his last days were spent in Missouri, where his death occurred. His wife died in Waterford township, this county. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom six are still living, namely: Eliza Anna, wife of William Wards, of Roggs Station; Catherine, wife of Louis Hite, of Wyoming, Iowa; Nancy, wife of Watson Risdon, of Cedar Rapids; Martha, wife of Charles Delarm, of Wheeler county, Nebraska; Isaac, who married Mahala Meese, and lives in Jackson county, Iowa; and Melissa J., wife of our subject.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter were born eleven children, as follows: Betsy, born October 10, 1857, married Arthur Spurrel, and died April 7, 1884; Henry W., born February 26, 1859, died January 22, 1867; Isaac, born December 21, 1860, married Amelia Peterson, and lives in Waterford township; Charles, born April 16, 1862, married Lena Stockman, and resides near Spencer, Clay county, Iowa; Jesse, born August 23, 1863, married Anna Bell, and makes his home in Clay county; John T., born July 10, 1865, died October 13, 1865; Henrietta, born March 17, 1867, died December 30, 1879; Matilda, born December 25, 1868, is the wife of Arthur Spurrell, of Waterford township; James F., born January 30, 1873, married Lena Jergson, and resides near Delmar; George A., born February 21, 1877, married Delia De Lorme, and makes his home in Clay county; and Lydia, born July 26, 1878, died December 17, 1878.

Mr. Rossiter was drafted during the Civil war, but was refused on account of physical disability. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and religiously is a member of the Methodist church at Charlotte. When he first came to this county there was but one log cabin where Charlotte now stands, and it contained the postoffice. There were only a few houses in DeWitt, while Delmar had only three. At that time Mr. Rossiter did all his trading in Clinton, and had to pay fifty dollars per thousand for lumber, one dollar per yard for bed ticking, twelve cents per yard for calico, and six and a quarter cents per pound for sugar, but was able to sell his wheat for one dollar and a half per bushel, and for corn one dollar per bushel. He then butchered his own hogs, killing from sixteen to twenty at one time, and after hauling them to town received only seven cents per pound. In those early days wild ducks and geese were plentiful, and deer were often seen. There were also wolves in this locality, and the family dog used to play with the same, which were quite tame in summer.

OZIEL HUNTER.

Oziel Hunter, a retired agriculturist residing on section thirty, DeWitt township, is a worthy representative of the honored pioneers of this county, and a true type of the energetic, hardy men who have actively assisted in the development and improvement of this rich agricultural region. He was born in Cortland county, New York, on the 23d of September, 1815, and is a son of Robert Hunter, a native of Vermont, born in Windham county, in 1792. The father was only sixteen years of age when he re-

moved to New York and settled in Cortland county, where he married and reared his family. By occupation he was also a farmer.

Mr. Hunter, of this review, was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and on reaching manhood was married in his native county, May 16, 1843, to Miss Phebe Jane Quivey, who was born in Saratoga county, New York, September 26, 1822. The year of his marriage Mr. Hunter came to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled in Deep Creek township, where he lived twelve years, during which time he bought two hundred acres of government land in Waterford township, where he took up his residence in 1855, which he at once began to break, fence and improve. To the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his time and attention for eighteen years, and then sold the place and removed to DeWitt, where he lived retired for sixteen years. At the end of that time he bought his present farm, which is a well improved place, and was engaged in its cultivation for some years, but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

Mrs. Hunter died June 27, 1890, and was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, DeWitt. Of the four children born to our subject and his wife, three are still living, namely: (1) Mary is the wife of Darius Bailey, a farmer of Clinton county, and they have two children: Maud, now the wife of F. F. Smith; and May, at home. (2) Aurelia lives with her father. (3) Cynthia is the wife of P. C. Jones, who now operates the Bunter farm. Julia, the other daughter, died at the age of two years.

On attaining his majority Mr. Hunter became identified with the Whig party, and cast his first presidential vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840, but since the or-

ganization of the Republican party since 1856 has been one of its staunch supporters. Mr. Hunter and his daughter Aurelia are members of the Congregational church of DeWitt, while Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Jones holds office. He is also a member of the Masonic lodge at DeWitt. For fifty-eight years Mr. Hunter has been a resident of this county, and has therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development. When he located here wolves, deer and wild game of all kinds were numerous, and some Indians were also occasionally seen, but they have now disappeared, and where once was wild prairie we now see beautiful homes and farms. Villages have grown into thriving cities, and the county is crossed and recrossed by railroads, telegraphs and telephones. Mr. Hunter has not only seen all of these changes take place, but in the improvement of the county has borne an active part. As one of the honored pioneers and representative citizens of the county he is justly deserving of prominent mention in its history.

THOMAS FARRELL.

One of the substantial farmers that Ireland has furnished to Iowa is Thomas Farrell, who was born in Cavern county, Ireland, November 11, 1848, his parents being Martin and Mary (Tierney) Farrell. He came to America with his parents and received his early education in the district schools of Deep Creek township, and upon leaving school assisted his father with the work on the farm until his marriage.

On the 26th day of October, 1876, Mr.

Farrell was joined in marriage to Miss Julia Crowe, who was born February 6, 1857, she being the daughter of Michael and Bridget (Laughlin) Crowe. The parents were natives of Ireland, where they were married, and from whence they came to the United States, locating in Wisconsin. There the father worked at his trade of blacksmith and wagon-maker until his death, which occurred in 1857. He was laid to rest in that state. This union was blessed with one child, the wife of our subject. Mrs. Crowe was married the second time to James Sullivan, in Clinton county, Iowa. To them were born eight children.

Seven children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, namely: Mary, who died at the age of eleven years, and is buried in Mill Creek cemetery, near Lyons; James, at home; Joseph, also at home; Winnie, who attended school at the convent in Lyons, Iowa; Thomas E.; Julia; and Blanche. After his marriage Mr. Farrell purchased one hundred and sixty acres of partly improved land in section thirty-three, Deep Creek township, and proceeded to cultivate the entire tract, and so faithfully has he labored that he now has one of the finest farms in this locality. He has erected a splendid residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, and his well-filled barns and fine-looking stock are evidences of his thrift and enterprise. His farm yields to him a handsome competence, and he is known throughout the community as an energetic and progressive agriculturist. In politics Mr. Farrell is a stalwart Democrat, and has held the offices of township trustee and school director, being deeply interested in the promotion and maintenance of education. Mr. Farrell and his family are members of St. Mary's church at Bryant, Iowa,

and are well known for their hospitality and good cheer. They have many friends in the community and are respected by all who know them.

CHARLES W. DEGE, SR.

For over a third of a century Charles W. Dege, Sr., has been one of the most trusted employes of C. Lamb & Sons, and for eighteen years has most capably filled the responsible position of foreman of their extensive yards at Clinton. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Prussia, Germany, February 18, 1841, and was reared in that country, acquiring a good education in select schools. At the age of nineteen he came to the new world with some relatives and landed in Quebec, Canada.

Mr. Dege worked at various occupations until 1865, when he came to Clinton, Iowa, and in July of that year commenced work for C. Lamb & Sons as a common hand in their lumber yard, but being bright and quick he soon mastered all the details of the business, and in 1872 was promoted to assistant foreman. In the meantime he went to Lisbon, Iowa, in 1870, and was engaged in the butcher business at that place for a year and a half. On selling out he returned to Clinton, and was made assistant foreman of the yards of the company, as previously stated. In 1883 he was promoted to foreman, and has since had charge of all the lumber manufactured at their mills and also the grading of the same. He has two assistant foremen, and there is on an average of one hundred and seventy-five men working under him.

In 1867 Mr. Dege was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Rupert, a native of Pennsylvania, and to them were born two

children, namely: George, a barber of Lisbon, Iowa; and Charles, who is working in the yards at Clinton. The wife and mother, who was born in 1843, died in 1881. In 1891 Mr. Dege was again married, his second union being with Miss Lizzie Brandt, a native of Canada, by whom he has four children: Otto, Antonia, Gladys and an infant. The children are being educated in the public schools of Clinton.

Mr. Dege has erected two residences in Clinton, his present home being at 659 Eleventh avenue. As a poor boy he came to this country, and although he had a good German education he was unable to speak a word of English, and was entirely unfamiliar with the customs of the American people. He encountered many difficulties before he secured a start, but being willing to work he soon overcame these obstacles and never had to be told to do a thing; when he saw what was needed he always did it. He is now thoroughly conversant with the lumber business, and no more efficient or reliable foreman could be found. He is entirely satisfied with the treatment accorded by C. Lamb & Sons and their managers, and cannot speak too highly in their praise, nor would he ask for better or more agreeable people to work for. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party, and religiously he is an active member of the German Evangelical Society, in which he has held office for ten years, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church.

NATHANIEL T. BAIRD.

N. T. Baird, whose home is on section eleven, DeWitt township, is one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of that locality. He dates his residence in this

county from November, 1866, and during this time he has been prominently identified with her agricultural interests. He was born in Jefferson township, Guernsey county, Ohio, May 31, 1837, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gillespie) Baird, both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1811 his paternal grandfather, John Baird, removed with his family to Ohio, becoming one of the first settlers of Guernsey county, where he cleared and improved a farm. There Joseph Baird grew to manhood and was married. He carried on farming there until 1870, when he came to Iowa, and spent his last years with our subject, dying here in June, 1877. His wife passed away a few years previous.

Our subject passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, and assisted in the operation of the home farm until 1859, when he went to Warren county, Illinois, and worked by the month near Monmouth until after the inauguration of the Civil war. In August, 1861, he enlisted for three years as a private in Company C, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His first battle was that of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, after which his regiment marched toward Little Rock, and then back to a point near Batesville, Missouri. He participated in the engagements at Cape Girardeau, Hamburg Landing and Corinth, besides numerous skirmishes. While driving a mule team in Kentucky Mr. Baird was thrown from the back of one of those animals and had his shoulder and arm broken and chest crushed, which permanently disabled him. After about a month spent in the hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, he was honorably discharged for disability, December 5, 1862. He spent that winter in Ohio, and having somewhat recovered, he again went to Illinois the following spring. He was still unable to

work, but was employed as overseer on a farm two seasons. During that time he bought a horse, which he traded to his advantage, and during the two seasons he remained there he made quite a business of trading horses.

After operating rented land for two years in Illinois, in 1866 Mr. Baird came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Berlin township, a small portion of which had been broken and a shanty erected thereon. He went in debt about eight hundred dollars for this place. He fenced, tiled and otherwise improved the farm, and built a good house and barn, besides adding to it a tract of forty acres. Renting this place in 1872, he purchased a forty-acre tract where he now resides, and at once turned his attention to its improvement. He has since bought an adjoining eighty acres, and another farm of one hundred and seventy acres, so that he now owns four hundred and fifty acres of valuable land in this county. He previously raised and fed considerable stock, but now gives his attention principally to looking after his farms. He commenced life here without capital, and by his untiring industry, good management and indomitable perseverance has acquired a handsome competence.

Mr. Baird was married in Louisa county, Iowa, in 1870, to Miss Nancy A. Johnson, a native of Monroe county, Tennessee, and a daughter of Hamilton Johnson, a substantial farmer who came to Iowa at an early day and settled in Louisa county, where Mrs. Baird was reared. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children, but Ollie died at the age of six months, Myrtle Belle when about four years of age, and Oscar when in his third year. The only one now living is Herbert J., who has taken

up the study of law and intends making that profession his life work.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 Mr. Baird has supported every Republican candidate for that office, but has never cared for political honors. He is a friend of education, and efficiently served as a member of the school board for some years. He and his wife are earnest and active members of the DeWitt Presbyterian church, of which he is one of the elders, and they are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

REV. C. S. REGAN.

Father C. S. Regan, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Bryant, is a native of this state, born at Lyncurg, Allamakee county. He obtained his early education in the public schools of that place. Later he attended the normal and high schools at Waukon, Iowa, and spent several years at the Decorah Institute, taking both normal and commercial courses. He holds diplomas from both departments. He next spent six years at St. Joseph's College, Dubuque where he made a special study of philosophy and the classics, and during the succeeding four years was a student at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, Canada, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1896, with a class of forty-four. Father Regan was then appointed first assistant pastor to Father Carroll, D. D., at Manchester, Iowa, and after the latter's death was in charge of the parish for two years. On the 1st of October, 1898, he was transferred to Bryant as pastor of St. Mary's church.

The subject of this review is also a man of good address and winning manners;

is a zealous, active and efficient worker for the church, and is held in high esteem not only by the people of his own congregation but by all who know him.

About twelve years ago Father Bowen was appointed pastor of the Catholic church at Bryant, it being known as the Prairie church and located about three miles south of Bryant. It was one of Father Bowen's out-missions and attended by him, together with the churches at Preston, Sabula and Green Island. About the year 1889 he removed the church to Bryant, where he erected St. Mary's church and parsonage. In 1893 he was succeeded by Father Desmond, the first resident pastor of Bryant, who had charge of the parish for five years. He was an able worker and was efficient in the completion of the new church and parsonage.

Father Desmond in turn was succeeded, October 1, 1898, by Father Regan, the present pastor. Besides the large and well-built church there is a fine large parsonage. Both are surrounded by well-kept lawns and spacious grounds, to which has been added recently a large tract of land.

JOHN H. MOHR.

Sharon township probably has no more energetic and progressive farmer and stock-raiser than John H. Mohr, who is residing on section thirteen. A native of Iowa, he was born in Fairfield township, Jackson county, on the 14th of January, 1865, and is a son of Peter Mohr, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Our subject was but two years old when the family removed to Clinton county, and he is indebted to the common schools of Sharon

township for his educational advantages. During his minority he remained at home, giving his father the benefit of his labors, and then worked for neighboring farmers for about six years.

On the 20th of January, 1892, Mr. Mohr wedded Miss Emma Ehlers, who was born in Sharon township, May 13, 1873. Her father, Diedrich Ehlers, was a farmer by occupation, was one of the early settlers of this county, but is now living a retired life in Manning, Carroll county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have an interesting family of four children, namely: Laura, Carl, Louisa and Robert.

For a year after his marriage Mr. Mohr was engaged in farming in Sac county, Iowa, but at the end of that time he returned to Clinton county, and took up his residence on the old Frazier farm in Sharon township, which he operated for three years. Having met with good success, he was then able to purchase his present farm on section thirteen, known as the old Ehler farm. He now has one hundred and twenty acres of well-improved land, and is quite extensively engaged in stock raising as well as general farming. Both he and his wife are active members of the German Reformed church of Smithtown, Iowa, and he is identified with the Republican party, of whose principles he is an earnest advocate.

JERRY J. MULVIHILL.

Jerry J. Mulvihill, a prominent farmer residing on section six, Sharon township, is a native of Clinton county, born in Liberty township, March 3, 1858, and is a worthy representative of one of its old and honored families, his parents being Edmund

and Ellen (Wolfe) Mulvihill. The father was born in Ireland and came to the new world in 1849. After residing in Illinois for a couple of years he went to California in 1851, but did not remain on the Pacific slope long, and on his return settled in Liberty township, Clinton county, Iowa, where he entered government land. Shortly afterward he returned to Illinois, where he was married, and in 1856 brought his wife to the farm he had secured in this county. To the cultivation and improvement of that place he devoted his time and attention until 1865, when he removed to section nineteen, Sharon township, and was actively engaged in farming there until 1894, when he laid aside all business cares and has since lived retired in the village of Oxford, Jones county, Iowa. Of his ten children, Jerry J., our subject, is the oldest, the others being Mary; Maurice, who is engaged in farming near our subject; Edward, a resident of Oxford, Iowa; Ellen; John; Katie; Thomas, deceased; William; and James, deceased.

Mr. Mulvihill, of this review, grew to manhood in this county, early acquiring a thorough knowledge of agricultural pursuits while assisting in the labors of the home farm, and obtaining a good practical education in the local schools. He married Miss Josie Mulvihill, of Minnesota, and they have two children, Marie and Raymond.

After his marriage our subject located on a farm near his present place, and after living there for a short time bought the John Stimson farm, which he now owns and occupies, it being a valuable tract of three hundred and twenty acres, well improved and highly cultivated. Mr. Mulvihill follows general farming and stock raising with good success, and he well deserves the prosperity that has attended

his efforts, being an industrious, energetic and enterprising man, and thoroughly reliable in all business transactions. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church of Oxford, and politically he is a supporter of the Democratic party.

EDWARD WELSH.

Edward Welsh, deceased, was for many years one of the leading farmers and most highly respected citizens of Washington township. He was born in Kings county, Ireland, on Christmas day, 1827, and was a son of Edward and Lizzie (Coogan) Welsh, the former also a native of Kings and the latter of County West Meáth. Throughout life the father followed farming on the Emerald Isle, and died there in 1851, while his wife passed away in 1866. They had a family of ten children, including Edward, of this review; Lizzie, who married John Quarter, and both died in Ireland; Mary, who wedded Edward Cunningham, and both are now deceased; Rosie, who married a Mr. Keevy, and both died in Connecticut; Katie, who died in Ireland; David, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Thomas, who married Catherine Dempsey and came to America, where he died in 1871, his wife in 1860. The other members of the family remained in Ireland, and little is known of them.

In 1852 our subject crossed the Atlantic on an English sailing vessel, the *St. George*, which was seven weeks in making the voyage, during which time there were two very severe storms. On landing in New York, Mr. Welsh was met by his brother James, who had come to the United States in 1850. For two years he worked as a stone-mason in New York and then went to Dixon, Illi-

nois, where he was employed as a farm hand for seven years. In 1858 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land at thirty dollars per acre, it being a government claim owned by Paddy Flynn. With an ox team Mr. Welsh drove to Maquoketa, where he got his deed made out. At that time there were no houses between his place and Lyons, and the country round about was all wild prairie. Returning to Illinois, Mr. Welsh engaged in farming on rented land until 1861, when he erected a small house upon his farm in this county and located thereon. He broke the land with ox teams and soon had the place under a high state of cultivation. Prospering in his new home, he added to his landed possessions until at the time of his death he had three hundred and sixty acres, to which his widow and son have since added a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section six, Washington township, while the original farm is on sections seventeen and eighteen. Mr. Welsh died October 4, 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was buried in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery. He was a devout member of the Catholic church of Deep Creek township, and was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles.

On the 15th of July, 1866, in Center Grove, Mr. Welsh was married by Rev. Father Scallon to Miss Catherine Reed, who was born in Queens county, Ireland, March 17, 1846, and was fifteen years of age when she came to America with her parents, John and Mary (Mahar) Reed, also natives of Queens county. They located in Center Grove, this state, where Mr. Reed bought one hundred and twenty acres of land, to which the family subsequently added two hundred and forty acres. He died Septem-

ber 10, 1896, aged eighty-four years, and his wife departed this life September 11, 1900, aged ninety. They were members of St. Patrick's Catholic church, and most estimable people. Of their six children Mrs. Welsh is the eldest; Thomas, the second in order of birth, died at the age of thirty years; William married Lizzie Manyon and resides near Lexington, Dawson county, Nebraska; John married Maggie Bulger and makes his home in Center Grove, Iowa; Mary wedded John Snyder and died in Center Grove, June 18, 1900; and Richard died at the age of twenty-two years.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Welsh were as follows: Edward, who is mentioned below; Thomas, who lives near Delmar; John and Richard, both at home with their mother; Mary, who is keeping house for her brother Thomas; James, who is also with Thomas; and Michael, Frank and Charles, who are all with their mother; William is deceased.

Edward Welsh, Jr., was born in this county, April 19, 1867, and attended the district schools near his home until fifteen years of age. During the following five years he assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm. He was married in the Deep Creek Catholic church, February 15, 1896, by Rev. Peter O'Dodd, to Miss Maggie Cleary, who was born on the 24th of August, 1864, and is a daughter of Patrick C. Cleary.

After his marriage Edward Welsh, Jr., commenced farming on his own account, and operated rented land until the fall of 1900, when he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section seventeen, Washington township, on which he has made a number of useful improvements. He raises a high grade of stock for market, and in business affairs is meeting with well-de-

served success. Religiously he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church at Deep Creek township, and is a young man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him

LUKE H. FINTON.

Luke H. Finton, well known among the enterprising agriculturists of the county, was born on the old family homestead. He pursued his education in the district schools and in Maquoketa, where he continued his studies for five years. He then returned to his parents' home upon the farm, where he has since remained, his attention being given in an undivided manner to agricultural pursuits.

On the 19th of October, 1892, he chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mrs. Mary Ellen Dunn Crocker, widow of Frank Crocker. The wedding was celebrated at Quincy, Illinois. Mrs. Finton, who was born in Kentucky, May 4, 1860, was a daughter of Christopher Dunn, whose father, Michael Dunn, was a native of County Cork, Ireland. Her mother was Selissia Marksberry, and she, too, was a native of Kentucky, in which state she was married. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn took up their abode in Kentucky, where they resided for about eighteen years, and on the expiration of that period they removed to Adams county, Illinois. After the death of Mr. Dunn his widow married Garrett Hodges, who was a soldier of the Civil war, who enlisted in the Eighteenth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry and was killed at Macon, Georgia, in 1865. After his death Mrs. Hodges took up her abode in Quincy, Illinois, where she is now living. She had four children by her first marriage: John W. entered the Union

army and his term of enlistment covered four years, of which time he served three years. He was a member of the Fourth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded in battle in 1865, his death resulting from the injury. The second member of the family was D. O. Dunn, who married Miss Annie O. Edmonds. They have five children, and reside in Fall Creek township, Adams county, Illinois. Sue is the wife of C. H. Gillum, of Quincy, Illinois. Mary E., now Mrs. Finton, completes the Dunn family.

By the second marriage of the mother there were two children, namely: Sidney A. Hodges, who married Miss Katie Eaton, of Quincy, Illinois, and has four children; and McClelland, who married Rickey Leperd. They, too, reside in Quincy, and have four children. In 1871 Mary A. Dunn became the wife of Francis F. Crocker, a native of Illinois, and to them was born one child, Harry Crocker, whose birth occurred March 13, 1873.

Luke Finton devotes his entire time and energy to agricultural pursuits, and his earnest, persistent labor has resulted in bringing to him creditable and well-merited success. He is one of the most progressive young farmers of the county, and the neat and tidy appearance of his place well indicates his careful supervision and his thorough understanding of the business in every department.

Socially he is connected with Monitor Lodge, No. 330, F. & A. M., of Delmar, and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star Lodge of that place. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and Mrs. Finton is a consistent member of the Christian church. In the memorable cyclone which occurred on the 18th of May, 1898, the Finton home was in the path of the same, and the farm hand, Sarion Cleman-

son, was killed. Mr. Finton suffered loss through the destruction of property, but with characteristic energy he set to work to retrieve his lost possessions, and is now meeting with prosperity in his work. His life is consistent with manly principles, and throughout the community in which he has always lived he is held in the highest regard.

HENRY S. TOWLE.

Prominent among the leading and representative young business men of Clinton, Iowa, is Henry S. Towle, treasurer of the Towle & Spreter Company, dealers in dry goods, carpets and millinery in the Toll block. He was born in that city, April 13, 1871, and was a son of the late P. S. Towle, who was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Clinton. The Towle family is of English origin on both the paternal and maternal sides. Our subject's grandfather, Candia Towle, was a native of Camden, New Hampshire, and was a son of Thomas Towle, who was born in the same state in 1770, and in 1818 removed to Steuben county, New York, where he was accidentally killed in 1822 by falling from a tree.

P. S. Towle, the father of our subject, was born in the village of Bath, Steuben county, New York, on the 8th of June, 1836, and there passed the days of his boyhood and youth, receiving a good common school education. During his early life he became thoroughly familiar with mercantile business, clerking for some time in a store at Towlesville, which village was named in honor of his family, and after he was similarly employed at Olean, New York. In 1862 he joined the navy, and was assigned

to the Vanderbilt, which was cruising in search of the Confederate privateer Alabama. After completing a cruise of a year and a half he was appointed assistant paymaster in the United States naval service, with the rank of major, and was stationed on the steamer Clyde at Key West, Florida.

At the close of the war Mr. Towle returned to his old home in New York, but later in the same year came to Clinton, Iowa, and opened a dry goods store on Front street. The following year, however, he removed to the present location of the Towle & Spreter Company, but their accommodations have since been greatly enlarged to meet the demands of their extensive and constantly increasing business. Mr. Towle was alone in business until 1882, when he formed a partnership with A. J. Spreter, who relieved him of some of the responsibility, he being then in poor health and unable to attend to his extensive business interest. Later the company was incorporated under the name of Towle & Spreter Company, by which title it is still known. Upon the organization of the Portland Consolidated Mining Company of Clinton, he became one of its directors, and was also one of the original incorporators and treasurer of the Buxton Mining Company of Clinton.

Mr. Towle was married December 12, 1867, to Miss Mary Brother, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Pratt) Brother, who were early settlers of Bath, New York, and descendants of the Knickerbocker stock, famous in the annals of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Towle were born three children: Henry S.; Charles; and Stewart. The parents were both active members of the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Towle served as vestryman for some years. He was a prominent Mason, belonging to De-

Molay Consistory, No. 1, Ancient Scottish Rite, of Clinton, and was also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Royal Arcanum, the American Legion of Honor and the Iowa Legion of Honor. He was past commander and a leading member of N. B. Baker Post, No. 88, G. A. R. The Republican party always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he took an active interest in all enterprises calculated to promote the public welfare. A man of great natural ability, his success in business, from the beginning of his residence in Clinton, was uniform and rapid. While as a prosperous business man he always gave close attention to his private affairs, he never forgot or ignored the bond of common interest which should unite the people of every community and was always ready to promote progress in every line. He was an active and energetic worker in the organization of the public library of Clinton, and was a member of its board of directors several years. He died July 18, 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him. Mrs. Towle is still a resident of Clinton.

Henry S. Towle, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the high school of Clinton, and throughout his entire business career has been identified with the Towle & Spreter Company, entering their employ in 1892. The concern was incorporated the year previous, and its present officers are C. B. Obert, president; C. H. O. Meyer, secretary; and H. S. Towle, treasurer. They carry a large and varied stock, selected with a view to meet the wants of their customers, and have the leading dry-goods establishment in the city. Mr. Towle is an enterprising, wide-awake young business man, of good executive ability and sound judgment, and undoubtedly a very successful career awaits him in the business.

world. Socially he is a member of the Masonic Order and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

WILLIAM C. EUSTICE, D. D. S.

Dr. William C. Eustice, a leading young dentist of Clinton, Iowa, with office in the Weston block, is a native of Illinois, born in Elizabeth, Jo Daviess county, July 22, 1876, and is a son of William H. and Sarah (Davis) Eustice, both of whom were natives of Cornwall county, England. The father was born March 29, 1831, and was thirteen years of age when, in 1844, he came to the United States with his mother. His parents, John and Ann (Ward) Eustice, were natives of the same county in England. John Eustice emigrated to America in 1841, spending one year in Pennsylvania, then moved to Wisconsin while it was still a territory. He had bought a farm in Elizabeth township, Jo Daviess county, where he had established a home, when in 1844 he was joined by his wife and four children. In connection with farming the Doctor's grandfather was also interested in mining and milling, building what was known as the Eustice mill, on Apple river, about one mile north of Elizabeth, which was one of the first gristmills in that section of the county. He died in February, 1882, having spent several years in retirement at the village of Elizabeth.

In 1852 William H. Eustice, the Doctor's father, went to California, driving the entire distance with ox teams, and having several encounters with the Indians, such as were quite common in crossing the plains at that early day. He remained in that

state about four years, and in his mining operations was very successful, accumulating considerable money. Returning to Illinois in 1857, he engaged in the milling business at Elizabeth, having purchased an interest in the mill belonging to his father, and which they operated successfully until 1865, when he sold out. He had also become extensively interested in farm property in Jo Daviess county and city property in Elizabeth. He also owned a large tract of land in Missouri. For some years he was engaged in the banking business in Elizabeth, but owing to ill health he practically lived retired during the latter part of his life, being a man of considerable means. He and his family made several trips to his old home in England. He was an upright and reliable business man and commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. His death occurred on the 27th of December, 1898. His wife still survives him and continues to make her home in Elizabeth, Illinois, where she has spent nearly her entire life. She was born in Cornwall county, England, October 4, 1838. Her parents emigrated from England and settled in Elizabeth township in 1841, where he was engaged in mining. Mr. Davis died in 1860, and his esteemed wife, who survived him, passed away in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eustice were the parents of five children, who grew to maturity, namely: Sarah A., now the wife of E. W. Monnier, proprietor of a stock farm near Elizabeth; Clara Ellen, deceased, wife of Dr. J. J. Reed, of Rockford, Illinois; Harry Albert; Jennie H., wife of Albert Bray, of Elizabeth; and William C., our subject.

Dr. Eustice acquired his early education in the public schools of Elizabeth, and was graduated at the high school of that place

in 1895. He then entered the dental department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, and was graduated there in 1898, with the degree of D. D. S. Six months later he located in Clinton, Iowa, where he has since engaged in practice with good success, having already secured the respect and esteem of his professional brethren as well as a liberal share of the public patronage. He has an elegant suite of offices, fully equipped with the most modern appliances, in the Weston block, which is the finest office building in the city. The Doctor being a man of broad ideas, and who keeps abreast with the constant advances in his profession, and painstaking in all details, is able to successfully perform any work within the general scope of dental surgery and mechanical dentistry. Socially the Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

GARDNER GODDARD.

At the time when the country became involved in civil war there were in every state soldier boys whose loyalty and valor equalled that of veterans of twice their years. A youth in years but a man in patriotic spirit, Gardner Goddard offered his services to the government, and for nearly four years followed the nation's starry banner upon the battlefields of the south. In times of peace he is equally loyal to his native land, and as a representative citizen of Clinton county he well deserves representation in her history.

He was born in Kennebec county, Maine, February 10, 1846, his parents being Reuben H. and Martha (Howard) Goddard.

The mother died during the infancy of her son Gardner, and the father passed away in 1860. With his family he came to the west in 1851, settling in Camanche township, Clinton county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of unbroken land from the government. This he transformed into a well-cultivated tract, on which he erected a good residence, built a barn and made many other substantial improvements. He still owned a good farm at the time of his death, and he was residing thereon at the time he was called to his final rest.

Gardner Goddard was the second in order of birth in his father's family, which numbered five children, of whom one died in infancy, while the others reached mature years. He acquired his education in the common schools, and throughout his entire life has been engaged in farming and gardening. He was only fourteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and since that time has depended entirely upon his own resources. The following year, in 1861, he enlisted in the Sixteenth Iowa Infantry, becoming a member of Company A, commanded by Captain J. Henry Smith, of Camanche. After nearly four years of service he received an honorable discharge at the close of the war in 1865. He was captured and for two months was incarcerated in Andersonville prison. The first battle in which he participated was at Shiloh, and he went through the entire service with the western army, including the Vicksburg campaign and the celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea. He was discharged and mustered out at Davenport, and with a creditable military record of which he has every reason to be proud he returned to his home in Camanche. Soon afterward, however, he again went south, and spent three years in Texas. On the

expiration of that period he returned to this county, and has since engaged in farming and gardening, his attention being now largely given to the latter pursuit, whereby he makes a good living.

In 1881 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Goddard and Miss Addie Winne, a daughter of Edmund and Harriet N. (Nichols) Winne, early settlers of the county and well-known farming people. Mrs. Goddard's father was a soldier of the late war, enlisted in Company C, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He died while in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Goddard have become the parents of five children, and the family circle remains unbroken by death. In order of birth they are Clarence E., Winne L., Leland Charles, Harriett and Reuben H. Mrs. Goddard is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Goddard gives his political support to the Republican party and is deeply interested in its welfare, but has never been an aspirant for office. He owns property in Camanche, including his pleasant home, and throughout the community is known as a reliable business man, whose life is consistent with honorable principles.

SCHUYLER C. HAMILTON, M. D.

Dr. Schuyler C. Hamilton, who is now so efficiently serving as county coroner and medical director of the Lyons Gold Cure Sanitarium, of Lyons, Iowa, was born in North Manchester, Indiana, January 5, 1864, his parents being David and Abigail (Hamilton) Hamilton. By occupation the father was a contractor and builder. The Doctor received his literary education in the public and high schools of his native town, and also attended Spencer's Business College

at Cleveland, Ohio. He was then engaged in business with his father for about a year, and at the end of that time commenced the study of medicine with Dr. W. Y. Wells and Dr. J. S. Comingor, of Indianapolis. He also attended lectures at the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis, and after his graduation was engaged in general practice in his home town for a time.

Subsequently Dr. Hamilton became connected with the York Inn Sanitarium, at Marion, Indiana, as medical director, using his own formula, and in 1894 came to Lyons, Iowa, and obtained possession of a large brick structure which was formerly one of the finest hotels in the state. This he remodeled and fitted up with modern fixtures. Here he began business under the name of the Monroe Gold Cure Company, but in 1895 the name was changed to the Lyons Gold Cure Sanitarium. In 1900 he purchased the home of Professor Gibbs at the corner of Franklin and Sixth streets, Lyons, and has remodeled it both within and without, making it one of the best and handsomest sanitariums of the state; it is beautifully located on the west bank of the Mississippi; is a commodious structure containing over one hundred rooms, well furnished, and is easy of access by railroad and steamboat. Dr. Hamilton has met with wonderful success from the start, having as high as one hundred and fifty patients at one time the first year, and he has cured more relapses from other cures than any other physician in the west. Patients have come to him from all over the country, as far east as Syracuse, New York, and as far west at Seattle, Washington. He not only cures the liquor habit but also the opium and morphine habits, which are generally far worse and cause the victim far more torture. The Doctor has re-

ceived many flattering testimonials from those whom he has cured. He has met with a most gratifying success in his chosen calling and is numbered among the leading physicians of his adopted county.

Dr. Hamilton was married in 1888 to Miss Izona, daughter of James W. Arthur, a prominent attorney of North Manchester, Indiana, and to them were born two children: Cyril D., who died in infancy; and Arthur V., now ten years of age. Socially the Doctor is an honored member of the Knights of the Maccabees, the Mystic Workers of the World, and the Knights of the Red Cross. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and in 1900 was elected a member of the city council from the sixth ward of the city of Clinton.

LOUIS KRUSE.

Louis Kruse, a prominent and well-to-do agriculturist residing on section 22, Deep Creek township, is one of Clinton county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Center township, June 6, 1854. His father, Heinrich Kruse, was born in Holstein, Germany, March 3, 1829, and emigrated to this country in the fall of 1851, sailing from Hamburg on a vessel which dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans after thirteen weeks spent upon the water. He remained in the Crescent City until the following spring and then came up the Mississippi river to Davenport. He had borrowed the money with which he paid his passage to this country, and having no capital he at first worked at anything which he could find to do. On the 3d of May, 1853, he was married in Davenport to Miss Catherine Weise, who was also

born in Holstein, Germany, on the 28th of November, 1830, and came to America in May, 1852, landing in New York City after a voyage of twelve weeks' duration. From there she went by rail to Buffalo, by water to Detroit, by rail to Racine, Wisconsin, by wagon to Galena, Illinois, and then down the river to Davenport, where she had a brother living. Her father, Hans Weise, spent his entire life in Germany. For one year after his marriage Heinrich Kruse continued to make his home in Davenport, and then came to this county in 1854, he and his brother-in-law, Hans Weise, buying eighty acres of wild land in Center township, where he lived for two years. Selling that property he purchased another unimproved tract of forty acres on section 22, Deep Creek township, which he placed under cultivation, and prospering in his farming operations he added to his landed possessions until at the time of his death he had two hundred and forty acres of rich and fertile land improved with good buildings. He had not a cent in the world on coming to this country, but by hard work, strict economy, and close application he achieved a well-merited success. He died July 8, 1872, and his wife departed this life December 21, 1882, their remains being interred in Center Grove cemetery. She had two brothers who came to this country: Hans, who married Catherine Weise and lived in Center township, this county, where his death occurred; and Paul (who married Anna Kruse, now deceased), and resides in Cass county, Iowa. He was a soldier on the western frontier for three years.

Louis Kruse, of this review, is one of a family of nine children, the others being as follows: Henry, born October 30, 1855, is married and lives in Dallas county, Iowa, Frederick, born October 23, 1858, is de-



HENRY KRUSE AND WIFE.

ceased. Margueritte, born October 17, 1860, is deceased. Josephine, born March 14, 1864, married Carl Moehr, and lives in Center township. Ogunata, born April 11, 1866, is deceased. Otto, born March 3, 1868, married Tillie Jacobs, of Deep Creek township. Emma, born July 21, 1870, married Will Jessen, of Pipestone, Minnesota. Flora, born January 1, 1872, married H. P. Poarmann, of Deep Creek township.

The subject of this sketch was only two years old when the family removed to Deep Creek township, and he acquired a good practical education in its district schools, which he attended until about seventeen years of age. During his boyhood and youth he also assisted in the cultivation of the home farm, and after his father's death he rented it for a time. Subsequently he purchased the place, and now has a well improved and valuable farm of two hundred and eighty-four acres, under excellent cultivation.

On the 12th of October, 1877, Mr. Kruse was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Schroeder, a daughter of John H. and Christena (David) Schroeder, both of whom were natives of Schleswig, Germany, and came to this country in 1882, locating at Gooselake, this county, where the mother is still living. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, died April 26, 1889, and was buried in Center Grove cemetery. Mrs. Kruse was born in Germany, April 4, 1855, and in the winter of 1876-7 she sailed from Hamburg and after eighteen days spent on the ocean landed in New York on the 1st of January, whence she came direct to Gooselake. She is the second in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: John H., who married Catherine Undrhu and lives in Preston, Jackson county, Iowa; Anna, wife of Henry

Schroeder, of Crawford county, Iowa; Elizabeth, wife of Morris Peterson, of Charlotte; Mary, wife of Herman Fleming, of Jackson county; Christena, wife of John Myer, of Gooselake; Frederick, who married Alma Muhl, and makes his home in Preston, Jackson county; Peter, who married Lena Neave and resides at Gooselake; and Margaret, wife of Nicholas Wilseff, of Lowden, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Kruse have a family of nine children, namely: Catherine E. S., wife of Herman Arp, of Waterford township; Amelia C. A.; Leona A. M.; Henry J.; Johannas L. A.; Algunda C. L.; Carl F. O.; Lorena A. O.; and LeRoy G. D., all at home with the exception of the eldest. They also lost one child in infancy.

In politics Mr. Kruse is independent, voting for the men whom he considers best qualified for office regardless of party lines. He has filled the office of township trustee for some years, secretary of the school district for a number of years; and has held other local offices, the duties of which he has always capably and satisfactorily performed.

HIRAM I. GALLOWAY.

This well-known and energetic young farmer, residing on section three, Berlin township, was born there on the 17th of June, 1868, and has spent almost his entire life upon the farm where he now lives. His parents were Hiram I. and Antonia M. (Herschie) Galloway. The father, who was a native of Ohio, came to Iowa at an early day and settled in Clinton county, purchasing a farm on section four of Berlin township. This was a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, entirely unim-

proved when it came into his possession, but he soon placed it under cultivation and erected good and substantial buildings thereon. Here he resided until 1871. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and at the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until hostilities ceased, and was then honorably discharged. The mother of our subject now resides with him on her farm of four hundred acres, and although seventy-four years of age she is still hale and hearty. She was born in Germany and when young came to the United States with her parents, who made their home in Berlin township, this county, until death. They were well-to-do and prosperous farming people.

The subject of this sketch is the youngest in a family of six children, the others being as follows: (1) Joseph died at an early age. (2) John, a farmer of Brookfield township, this county, married Dora Gurius, and they have one child, Florence. (3) Daniel, who is engaged in farming on the homestead, married Mary Keith, daughter of Joseph Keith, of Berlin township, and they have two children, Grace and Anna Belle. (4) Matilda A. lives with our subject on the home farm. (5) Antonia is the wife of D. S. Wendell, a farmer of Brookfield township, and they have four children, Techla, George, Ethel and Arthur.

Hiram I. Galloway was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, his time being passed in attending the local schools and assisting in the work of the fields. He is now successfully engaged in the operation of a farm of two hundred and forty acres, and also devotes considerable attention to the raising, feeding and shipping of stock. He is a wide-awake, up-to-date and reliable business man, and is meeting with well-

deserved success. Politically he is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and religiously is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Elwood.

JOHN M. BANKER.

John M. Banker, foreman of the glazing department of the Curtis Manufacturing Company, is one of Clinton's native sons, born December 14, 1864. His father, John Banker, was born in Germany, and on his emigration to this country in 1858 located near Chicago, Illinois, in which state he wedded Miss Mary Smith, who was also born in Germany in 1834, and was a child of seven years when she came to America. In 1864 they removed to Clinton, Iowa, where the father worked at his trade of a shoemaker for a time, and later engaged in the restaurant business. He died in 1871, but his wife is still living, and continues to make her home in Clinton. In their family were six children, namely: Ella, wife of Martin Nasal, a stone-mason of Clinton and leader of the Clinton band; George, who went to San Francisco, California, at the age of sixteen years and is now engaged in the cigar business there; Kate, wife of Herman Schulz, a cigar dealer of Clinton; Susan, wife of Dick Duell, of Chicago; John M., the subject of this sketch; and Mary, wife of Frank Holly, of Evanston, Indiana. The children were all educated in the Clinton public schools.

John M. Banker, of this review, also took a complete business course in the Clinton Business College. For a time he was in the employ of the Clinton Barb Wire Works and the Lyons Paper Company, but in 1879, at the age of fifteen years, com-

menced work for Curtis Brothers in their factory department. On the 14th of April, 1880, he was transferred to the glazing department, where he started at the bottom as a common hand, and by close attention to business and hard work steadily worked his way upward until he was promoted to the position of foreman April 17, 1889, having mastered every detail of the business in that department. There are now on an average of twenty-five men under his supervision. Owing to his ability and close application, he was rapidly advanced over older men in the employ of the company, and he always capably and conscientiously performed any duty which devolved upon him.

On the 19th of March, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Banker and Miss Josephine New, who was also born in Clinton, in 1866. Her parents, John and Josephine New, still make their home in this county. The father was formerly a watchman on the bridge, but is now living a retired life. In the New family were five children, two who died in infancy; Catherine, who is at home with her parents; Annie, who died aged twenty-four years. Mrs. Banker was reared and educated in her native city. By her marriage to our subject she has become the mother of six children: Frank, Anna, Rosalia, Bernedetta, Leona and Clarence. The older ones are now attending St. Mary's school.

In 1885 Mr. Banker purchased property, which he improved, and he has also improved three other places, and has dealt some in real estate with good success. He started out to make his own way in the world empty-handed, and while at home assisted in the support of the family, but he has made the most of his opportunities in life and has acquired a good property besides the responsible and paying position which he now

so acceptably fills. He and his wife are both members of the Catholic church, in which he has served as treasurer for a number of years, and in his political affiliations he is a Republican. He is a member of Camp No. 31, M. W. A., and the Mutual Catholic Insurance Company of Clinton, and is a director of the Union Building Association.

HENRY MURRAY.

After years of honest toil Henry Murray is now living a retired life at his old home on section seventeen, Washington township, Clinton county, Iowa. He was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1828, a son of Patrick and Ann (Smith) Murray, who were life-long residents of that country. He is the youngest of their twelve children and the only one living in America. It was in 1848 that he crossed the ocean on an English sailing vessel, which landed him safely in New York after a pleasant voyage of six weeks. For six years he made his home in Canandaigua, New York, where he worked principally for the railroad company, but he also did some farm labor. At the end of that period Mr. Murray came to Lyons, Iowa, where he was employed by the month for three years, and then bought a farm of eighty acres in Washington township, to which he later added a tract of forty acres. Upon this place he has since made his home, and was successfully engaged in its operation for many years, but is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his early labors. He has deeded the farm to his son Joseph.

Two days before sailing for America Mr. Murray was married in White Haven, Cumberlandshire, England, to Miss Cath-

erine Coyle, a native of that country and a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Duffy) Coyle, who were both born in County Monahan, Ireland, but spent the greater part of their lives in England, where they died. Mrs. Murray departed this life in 1898, and was laid to rest in the Center Grove Catholic cemetery. By this union were born the following children: Mary Ann, wife of Peter McGinn, of Delmar; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Joseph O'Connor and resides with her father; Catherine, who died at the age of twelve years; Henry, who married Maggie Harrison and resides on a farm in Bloomfield township; Patrick and James, who both died in childhood; Maggie, at home; Jennie, who married Martin Brogan; Joseph, at home; and Johnnie, who died in infancy.

When Mr. Murray came to Clinton county there were only two houses and a mill in Charlotte; Delmar was still farm land, and Maquoketa was a village with only a few houses. Indians were camping near DeWitt on the Wapsie river, and deer, wild turkey, prairie chickens, etc., were found in abundance, while wolves committed many depredations among the stock of the settlers. Mr. Murray's first home here was a sod house, in which he lived for a number of years while he broke his land and placed it under cultivation. He experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier. By his ballot he supports the Democracy, and has held the offices of road supervisor and school director for a number of years. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and is a member of St. Patrick's church at Center Grove.

Joseph Murray, son of our subject, was born in this county on the 4th of April, 1867, and was educated in the district

schools near his boyhood home and the public schools of DeWitt. Since attaining his majority he has had charge of the farm, and is accounted one of the most thorough and skillful agriculturists of his locality. He raises a high grade of stock for market, and in all his undertakings is meeting with marked success. Like his father, he affiliates with the Democratic party, and is now efficiently serving as school director. He, too, is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Center Grove.

CYRUS W. SWAN.

Among the young farmers of Clinton county whose places manifest to the most casual observer the energy and ability of the owner in his chosen calling, is the subject of this personal history, who is residing on section one, Sharon township. He was born November 30, 1872, on the farm where he still makes his home, and belongs to an old and prominent family of that part of the county, being a son of Robert R. and Elizabeth H. (Harvey) Swan, the former a native of New York City, the latter of Livingston county, New York. The father was born on the 14th of November, 1829, and at the age of seven years accompanied his father on his removal from his native city to Connecticut. At the age of seventeen he came west and located in Lake county, Illinois, where he spent fifteen years. In 1848 he removed to Jackson county, Iowa, but after residing in Monmouth township for a short time came to Clinton county. During his early residence here he lived on various farms in Brookfield, in Sharon township, but finally in 1867 located on the present farm of our

subject on section one, Sharon township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his time and energies throughout the remainder of his life. He taught two terms of school in Sharon township, and always took an active interest in educational affairs, serving as school director some time. He also held the offices of township trustee and deputy constable, and performed the duties of those positions in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. He died on the 9th of March, 1890, honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow now resides with her children.

Cyrus W. Swan is the fourth in order of birth in a family of five children, the others being as follows: Hattie, wife of William Doran, who is a teamster of Maquoketa, Iowa; Emma, wife of Wilson Teeple, a stock-buyer of Nashville, Iowa; Ida B., wife of William Nodde, a prominent farmer of Sharon township; and William Thomas, who died in infancy. The children were all educated in the common schools of this county.

In early life our subject assisted his father in the operation of the farm, and after his marriage took charge of a part of the old homestead. He now owns one hundred acres of land in Sharon township, and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was married in April, 1893, to Miss Amelia Cook, of Sharon township, and they have two children: Grace, born January 4, 1894; and Hazel, born April 20, 1896.

Mr. Swan has always taken a very active interest in politics, and votes the Republican ticket. He is now capably serving as school director in district No. 2. Fraternally he is a member of Camp No. 3728, Modern Woodmen of America, at Lost Nation. Wide-awake and energetic, he is not

only succeeding in business, but gives his influence to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

WILLIAM H. H. WEST.

More than half a century has passed since W. H. H. West came to Clinton county, and to-day he is numbered among the substantial farmers of DeWitt township, his home being on section 23, where he owns and operates a valuable and well-improved farm of four hundred and forty acres, pleasantly situated about two miles from the town of DeWitt. He is one of the worthy citizens that Pennsylvania has furnished to Iowa, his birth having occurred in Fayette county November 8, 1834. His father, Edward West, was also a native of that county, and the West family were among the pioneers of the Keystone state, and were of English descent. The father was reared in the place of his nativity, and was there married to Sarah Philips, also born in Fayette county. There he followed farming and during the years of his residence there two sons and two daughters were born to him and his wife. In 1843 he emigrated westward with his family, making his way down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Camanche. He made his permanent location in Clinton county, casting his lot among its early settlers; subsequently he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 23, DeWitt township, where he built a small house and began the work of breaking the prairie and improving the farm. He made all of the shingles for the house and did most of the carpenter work. Subsequently he erected a more commodious residence, which is still

standing on the old homestead. As the years passed he purchased more land, becoming the owner of four hundred acres, and in the community he was known as a substantial farmer, as well as one of the honored early settlers. He never sought nor would he accept public office, but was a staunch Whig and voted for William Henry Harrison in 1840, remaining a supporter of the Whig party until he joined the Republican ranks. He died on the old homestead, and for several years was survived by his wife.

W. H. H. West is their eldest son and the third in order of birth in the family of five children, all of whom reached mature years, namely: Ellen, the wife of Albert Volner, of DeWitt township; Sarah, wife of Israel Barr, of Scott county; W. H. H.; Daniel, a resident farmer of Orange township; and Rachel, the wife of Leonard McCullough, of Poweshiek county, Iowa.

Mr. West, of this review, became a resident of Clinton county when a lad of nine years, and upon the old homestead he spent his youth, assisting in the work of developing and improving the farm. He was educated in the common schools of DeWitt, and at the age of eighteen manifested his patriotic spirit by enlisting in 1861 for three years' service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company B, First Iowa Cavalry. He served in Missouri and Arkansas, performing scout duty, taking part in many skirmishes, and was in the battles of Prairie Grove and Fayetteville. He served until after the close of his term, and was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in September, 1864, returning to his home with a creditable military record.

Mr. West then resumed work on the home farm, and subsequent to his father's death he purchased the interest of the other

heirs in the old home place. He also bought eighty acres, upon which stands his present residence, and in connection with the cultivation of the fields he engages in stock raising, having some high grades of cattle, hogs and horses. He is counted one of the successful farmers and stock men of the county, and his work is systematically conducted and brings to him a good financial return.

In 1868, in Davenport, Mr. West was united in marriage to Mary High, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and went to Davenport with her brothers and sisters. Six children have been born unto our subject and his wife, namely: Sarah, Margaret and John, who are at home, the last named assisting in carrying on the home farm; Edward, the first born, died on the home farm, at the age of twenty-nine; William, who died at the age of four years; and Bessie, who passed away when about fifteen years of age. In politics Mr. West has been a lifelong Republican, having supported the men and measures of the party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. Political office had no attraction for him, yet he served for a few years as road supervisor and discharged his duties in a prompt and acceptable manner. He belongs to the Grand Army post of DeWitt. For fifty-eight years he has been a resident of the county, and has witnessed its wonderful growth and development. At the time of his arrival the huntsman had ample opportunity to indulge his love of the sport, for deer and lesser game abounded. As civilization has advanced towns and cities have sprung up, and the wild lands have been transformed into productive farms. Mr. West has ever borne his part in the work of development, and is known as an honored early settler and a man of integrity

and worth, and he has the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

RICHARD HUGHES.

One of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Berlin township is Richard Hughes, who owns five hundred and twenty acres of rich land on sections 3, 10 and 11, constituting one of the valuable and highly improved farms of the locality. His possessions have been acquired through his own efforts, and as the result of his consecutive endeavor he has won a place among the substantial citizens of the county.

Mr. Hughes was born in Kilcullen, County Kildare, Ireland, on the 12th of July, 1827, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Keegan) Hughes, also natives of the Emerald Isle. In the fall of 1850 the parents came to this country, and after living in Pennsylvania for a short time removed to Chicago, where they spent one year. They next made their home in La Salle county, Illinois, and in the spring of 1856 came to Clinton county, Iowa, where our subject had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of government land for himself and father on section 3, Berlin township, in 1854. To this he subsequently added until he had several hundred acres, being one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of his community. He died upon his farm in 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-two years, having survived his wife many years, her death occurring in 1874. They were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom are still living with the exception of Catherine, wife of Patrick Cuddy, of Berlin township.

Our subject, who is the oldest of this family, grew to manhood in his native land, and attended the national schools to a limited extent, but is almost wholly self-educated. At the age of twenty-one he came to the United States, landing in New York April 27, 1848, after a voyage of six weeks, and first located in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, where he made his home until 1852, and then went to Chicago, remaining there only a short time, however. We next find him a resident of La Salle county, Illinois, and in April, 1855, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, locating on sixty acres of land on section 3, Berlin township, which he had purchased from the government the year previous. In his farming operations he has been eminently successful, and is now the owner of over five hundred acres of land under a high state of cultivation. During the early years of their residence here he and his father were engaged in the arduous task of breaking the wild land and converting it into fertile fields. He takes great pride in keeping his farm well improved, and to-day has one of the most desirable places in his locality. In connection with general farming he has engaged in stock raising to some extent.

In Northampton county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1852, Mr. Hughes was united in marriage with Miss Esther O'Brien, who was also born in Ireland, in 1827, and was about twenty-two years of age when she emigrated to this country. By this union were born ten children, namely: (1) Mary married James O'Brien and died in April, 1872, at the age of nineteen years, leaving one son, John P., who resides with our subject and is now engaged in farming on one hundred and twenty acres of land. (2) Michael, a farmer of Lyons county, Iowa, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres

of land, married Ellen Marshall, and they have five children, Richard, Mary, Ellen, William and Thomas. (3) Richard is the owner of eighty acres of land on section 10, Berlin township, this county, and also operates one hundred and twenty acres of his father's farm. He married Margaret Spain, and they have six children, Esther, Joseph, Kate, Ellen, Michael and Margaret. (4) Ann is the wife of William Kinney, a farmer of Plymouth county, Iowa, and they have four children, Margaret, Richard, Ellen and William. (5) Catherine lives with her parents on the home place. (6) Ellen married William Kennedy, of Plymouth county, Iowa, and died in 1891, leaving two children, Mollie and John. (7) Patrick owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of good farming land in Plymouth county. (8) Thomas, who is engaged in farming on a tract of two hundred acres on section 8, Berlin township, married Minnie Devine, and they have five children, Mary G., Esther, Winnifred, Mabel and Cletus. (9) William is a prosperous farmer of Lyons county, Iowa. (10) James, who is engaged in farming on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Liberty township, wedded Mary O'Brien, and they have one child, John.

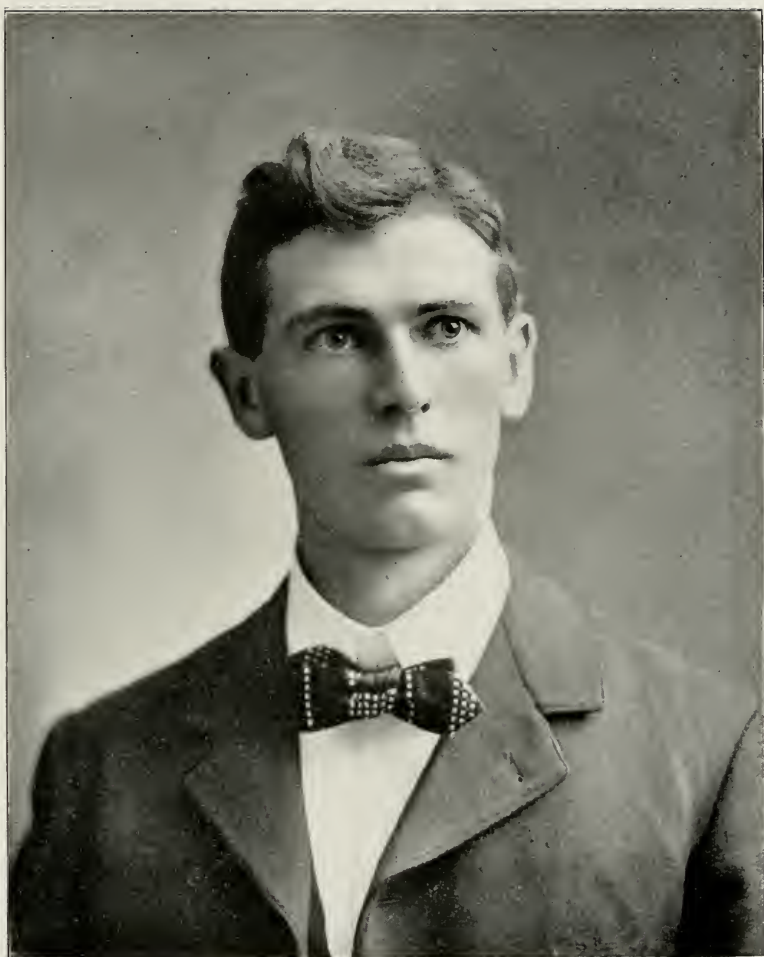
In his political affiliations Mr. Hughes is a Democrat. He has held nearly all of the township offices, and has ever been found faithful to any trust reposed in him, whether public or private. He has the good will and esteem of his fellow citizens, and is held in high regard by all who know him. He is a devout member of the Catholic church, to which he contributes liberally, and the church building known as the Hughes church is located on a part of his farm. Having always been a hard-working, industrious man, he has met with marked

success in his undertakings, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

LORENZ J. HANSEN.

Lorenz J. Hansen, treasurer and secretary of Greve, Hansen & Company, was born in Charlotte, Clinton County, April 14, 1878, and is a son of Hans L. and Maria (Lucksted) Hansen. The father was a native of Germany and was seventeen years of age when he emigrated to America and took up his residence in Charlotte, Iowa, where he married Maria Lucksted, who was born in that place. Her father, John Lucksted, now deceased, was one of the early settlers of that section and a prominent farmer. Our subject's paternal grandparents also came to this county and made their home in Charlotte. The father is still a resident of that place. Throughout his active business life he has followed farming with excellent success, and has added to his landed possessions from time to time until he now has four hundred acres of very valuable and productive land. He is one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of the county, and is a man of influence in his community. His children are Lorenz J., our subject; Johanna, wife of Fred Mengler, of Green Island, Iowa; August; Josephine; Laura; Anna; Fred; George; Bryan; and Marcella.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood upon his father's farm and aided in its operation until 1897, his education being acquired in the district schools near his home and the public schools of Charlotte, where he was graduated in 1896. He then took a course in bookkeeping and shorthand at the



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Clinton Business College, and was graduated at that institution August 4, 1898. On leaving school he accepted a position in a law office in Clinton, where he was employed as stenographer, and later engaged in the publishing of music in partnership with Prof. F. F. Blocker, of Clinton, under the firm name of the Kenilworth Music Publishing Company, for six months. He next secured a position with H. A. Gabriel, a wholesale lumber merchant, with whom he remained nine months, and since then has been engaged in his present business, a description of which is given in the sketch of Hans Greve, just preceding this.

On the 6th of June, 1900, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage with Miss Martha M. Greve, a daughter of Hans Greve, president of the company. Our subject is a member of Walhalla Lodge, No. 150, I. O. O. F., and Clinton Encampment, No. 196. He is quite a popular young business man, very wide-awake and energetic, and undoubtedly will make a success in life.

ROBERT M. SMITH.

Thrift is the key which unlocks the portals of success and the treasures therein are won through perseverance and diligence. It is in this manner that Mr. Smith has gained prosperity, being to-day classed among the substantial and representative farmers of DeWitt township, his home being on section 21. Since the fall of 1863 he has resided here, and to-day owns four hundred and thirteen acres of fine land within two miles of the city of DeWitt. His birth occurred in Morgan county, Ohio, April 14, 1850, and he is the son of William Smith and a half-brother of J. Alexan-

der Smith, also a well-known resident of Clinton county. The father was twice married, his second union being with Mary J. Hill, a native of Guernsey county, Ohio.

Robert M. Smith spent the first thirteen years of his life in the place of his nativity, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Clinton county. He then remained upon the home farm throughout the period of his minority. His educational privileges were somewhat limited, but practical experience, observation and reading have made him a well-informed man. Through the summer months he assisted in the work of the fields and aided in harvesting the crops in the autumn. He was married on the farm where he resides, September 18, 1873, the lady of his choice being Miss Elizabeth C. Neville, a daughter of George W. and Anne E. Neville. Her father was a native of Maryland, whence he removed to Pennsylvania, and later he became one of the first settlers of Clinton county, taking up his abode upon the farm where his daughter was born and reared. He became one of the substantial agriculturists of the community, and he and his wife both died on the old homestead. George W. Neville married Anne E. McCorkle, who was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Samuel McCorkle.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith leased the Neville farm for a number of years, and after the death of Mrs. Neville purchased the interest of the other heirs and succeeded to the ownership of the place, which then comprised two hundred and forty acres. He has rebuilt the residence, improving the other buildings, and now has one of the most valuable farms of the neighborhood. He to-day owns four hundred and thirteen acres of rich land, and the highly cultivated fields return to him golden

harvests. He also raises thoroughbred stock and his work in this direction is also profitable. In his farming operations he is assisted by his younger son, Earl D., the older son, Elsworth N., is married and has one child, Edith Bernice. He too lives upon a portion of the home place.

Politically Mr. Smith has been a lifelong Republican, and his first ballot was cast for General Grant in 1872, since which time he has supported each presidential nominee of the party. While he has never been an aspirant for office, he served for six years as assessor of DeWitt township, and was secretary of the township school board for a number of years. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend, and he has labored to secure good schools and competent teachers, for he realizes the value of mental discipline as a preparation for the practical duties of life. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of DeWitt, and he has served as one of its officers, acting as trustee, while for several years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school. His Christian faith has shaped his career and has made him a man of high character, manly principle and spotless reputation. He and his wife are held in high regard, and wherever known enjoy the confidence and esteem of those with whom they are associated.

RICHARD JENSEN.

Germany has contributed a large quota of the sturdy, energetic agriculturists of this county, and among them are to be found men of sterling worth and integrity who have succeeded in life through their own energy and perseverance and not as the re-

cipient of any legacy. To this class belongs Richard Jensen, of Liberty township, who has been identified with the farming interests of Clinton county since 1872. He was born in Germany July 29, 1835, and is a son of Andrew Jensen, who was a lifelong resident of the fatherland.

Crossing the Atlantic in 1872, Mr. Jensen came immediately to Clinton county, Iowa, and for six and a half years made his home in Lyons, where he was employed in a factory. In October, 1878, he took up his residence on a farm in Liberty township, south of his present home, and later bought the property which he now occupies, consisting of one hundred and ninety-eight acres. He made all the improvements upon his farm, and successfully engaged in its operation until recently, when he sold the place to his son. He also carried on stock raising, and prospered in all his undertakings, being a man of good business and executive ability. In connection with his farm work he also followed carpentering for a time, and built some of the first farm houses erected in his locality.

Before leaving Germany Mr. Jensen married Miss Augusta Carsarson, who came with her husband to America, and died in this county June 11, 1896. By that union were born four children: Andrew, who now owns the old homestead, married Annie Nemenny, and they have two children, Richard and Oscar; Lena is the wife of Charles Weedy, of this county; Caroline, a resident of Berlin township, Clinton county; and Kheda, deceased.

Although Mr. Jensen usually supports the Republican party, he is not strictly partisan, and votes for the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He served as school director two years, but has never cared for political preferment. He is one

of the leading citizens of his community, however, and is deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

EDWARD A. HUGHES.

Edward A. Hughes, ex-mayor and a prominent liveryman of Clinton, is a man of excellent business ability and broad resources, who has become a recognized leader in public affairs. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Columbia county March 26, 1857, and is a son of Elwood and Elizabeth (Hill) Hughes. His father was born in the same county, and in 1870 removed with his family to Lee county, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his days as a successful farmer, dying there at the age of seventy-six years. His wife is still living.

The subject of this review grew to manhood upon the home farm, and received a good practical education in the common schools, and in the spring of 1868 he entered the preparatory department of the Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he took a two years' course. At the end of that period his parents removed to Lee county, Illinois, and for about two years he was a student in the Dixon high school, which was supplemented by a course in the Dixon Seminary. He remained under the parental roof, assisting in the work of the farm until 1883, when he came to Clinton, Iowa, and purchased the livery business of D. R. Toll, whose barn was located where Mr. Hughes still carries on business. It then had a frontage of only fifty feet, but he has bought lots on both sides and has enlarged the barn until it is now one hundred by one hundred and forty feet in dimensions, including a

blacksmith shop carried on by H. W. Lee, who is associated with our subject in business. To begin with, he had only about eight horses, but now keeps from thirty to thirty-five fine single and double driving horses, including some very high-bred steeds. He has bought and sold many fine animals, selling one pair for a thousand dollars, and has some valuable trotting stock, which have taken part in the various races in the circuit. He now owns one of the most promising two-year-old stallions of the state. —Ed H., a Hambletonian of high pedigree. Mr. Hughes is a thorough horseman and takes great pleasure in training his horses. He was one of the organizers of the Clinton District Fair Association, and is one of the directors of the association, and may be seen daily exercising his fine horses on the tracks. He has a first-class 'bus line, which requires ten horses to run, and has an elegant line of single and double carriages, cabs, etc., being the only man in Clinton who owns and runs a brougham, the cost of which was twelve hundred dollars.

Mr. Hughes was married in 1878 to Miss Vernia Champlin, daughter of Alonzo Champlin, of Whiteside county, Illinois, and she presides with gracious dignity over their beautiful home. Socially, Mr. Hughes is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of the Golden Precept. Since his introduction in Clinton he has become very popular in business, social and political circles, and has taken quite an active part in public affairs. In 1892 he was elected mayor on the Republican ticket by a large majority, and discharged the duties of that responsible position in a most creditable and satisfactory manner for four years, during

which time many improvements were made in the city. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare and prosperity of that place, and has done all in his power to advance her interests.

TIMOTHY O'BOYLE.

Among the more prominent and enterprising farmers of Liberty township who are of alien birth is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is a native of Ireland, and a son of Frank O'Boyle, who brought his family to America in 1848, and first located in Canada, but after spending eighteen months in the dominion he came to the United States and lived for a year and a half in Buffalo, New York. He next moved to Jefferson county, Indiana, where he engaged in railroad work until his death, which occurred in 1855. His wife died in 1881. They had six children who came with them to this country, those now living being Bridget Ellen, a resident of California; Timothy, our subject; Frank, a farmer of Crawford county, Iowa; and John, a resident of Liberty township, Clinton county.

Our subject was born May 27, 1837, and was therefore eleven years of age on the emigration of the family to America. In 1858 he came with his mother to Clinton county, Iowa, and entered a tract of government land in Liberty township, which he converted into a fine farm. When he located here there was not a house between his place and DeWitt, and that section of the county was not settled until about 1861. Mr. O'Boyle now owns two hundred acres of rich and arable land, and has made many useful and valuable improvements upon the

same. He follows general farming, but now rents most of his land to his sons, with whom he lives, and has also engaged in stock raising to some extent.

Mr. O'Boyle married Miss Catherine Welsh, by whom he had seven children, who are still living: Mary M., Bridget Ellen, Francis J., Elizabeth, Martin M., Daniel J. and Thomas W. Those deceased are Timothy L., James, Ignatious and Sarah. The family are communicants of the Catholic church of Toronto. Mr. O'Boyle is independent in politics, voting for whom he believes to be the best man. For sixteen years he served as township trustee, and his filled other local offices of honor and trust.

JOACHIM INGWERSEN.

Among the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Iowa is Joachim Ingwersen, who was born in Sheswich, Germany, November 28, 1852. His parents, Nicholas and Louisa (Hansen) Ingwersen, were also natives of that country, and sailed from Hamburg for America in 1865, taking two weeks to cross the ocean. They came to Davenport, Iowa, and made their way up the Mississippi river to Lyons and into Center township. They first rented and subsequently purchased a farm in Deep Creek township, which they afterward sold, and then rented the farm which is now owned by our subject. The father lived to be eighty-six years of age, his death occurring in 1898. He was very successful in his undertakings in the new world, having come to this country with only twenty dollars, and at the time of his death had accumulated a considerable amount of property. He was laid to rest at Andover,

Iowa. His wife died a number of years previous to Mr. Ingwersen, passing away in 1889, at the age of seventy-seven years. She was buried at Rock Falls, Iowa. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Peter, who lives at Oxford Junction, Iowa; John, a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Joachim; and one son and four daughters, all of whom have passed away.

The subject of this review received his early education in the schools of Germany, and coming to this country with his parents in 1865, did not re-enter school, but worked out as a farm hand for some time, and also assisted his father on the farm until his death, after which he rented the farm for two years, and subsequently purchased the property, which comprises two hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land and ten acres of timber. He has met with marked success in the cultivation of his farm, and his productive fields and well-kept stock bring to him a comfortable annual income.

On the 30th day of March, 1885, Mr. Ingwersen was united in marriage to Miss Franke Sievers, born June 12, 1861, her parents being Peter and Anna (Rief) Sievers, who were natives of Germany, and who came to this country in 1874. They landed in New York after a voyage of fifteen days, and from there came to Clinton county, where the father died in 1891, at the age of sixty-five years. The mother survived him nine years, her death occurring in 1900, at the age of sixty-eight years. Both parents are buried at Andover. To Mr. and Mrs. Sievers were born seven children: Eggert, who resides in West Side, Iowa; Hans, who lives in Florida; Kate, the wife of Hans Boak, a resident of West Side, Iowa; Franke, the wife of our subject; John, who lives in Elk River township, Wisconsin county; Anna, who lives with her

brother John; and Peter, a resident of Elk River township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ingwersen have been born ten children, namely: Nick; Helena; Johannas; Anna; Burnhart; Eliena; Lourena; Irene; Clara; and Arthur. In politics Mr. Ingwersen is a Republican, and is a man of strong principles and deep convictions. He is devoted to his family, and both he and his wife enjoy the confidence and respect of those with whom they are associated.

PETER HAGGE.

For over a third of a century this gentleman was a resident of Deep Creek township, and was numbered among its leading citizens. He was born in Schleswig, Germany, on the 14th of September, 1845, and was a son of Peter and Lena Hagge, who spent their entire lives in that country. Our subject grew to manhood in his native land, and in 1864 came to the United States. On first locating in Clinton county, Iowa, he worked as a laborer for five or six years, but was at length able to purchase a farm in Deep Creek township, and at the time of his death owned considerable property.

On the 23d of April, 1868, Mr. Hagge was united in marriage with Mrs. Bridget (Kruse) Seick, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Paul and Bridget Kruse. In 1847 she sailed from Hamburg, Germany, to New York, and on arriving in the latter city proceeded at once to Clinton county, Iowa. She first married John Seick, who was also born in Germany, July 3, 1824, and died in Deep Creek township, this county, in 1859. By that union she had three children, but Peter died young. Celia is now the wife of Henry Rohweder, of Jack-

son county, Iowa, and they have six children: John, Vertus, Martha, Henry, Alfred and Viola. Anna is the wife of Henry Hagge, of Andover, Clinton county, and they had six children: Hans; Ervin; Herbert; Helmut; Arnold, deceased; and Algona. In politics Mr. Seick was a Republican.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hagge were born seven daughters, as follows: Martha, a resident of Goose Lake; Helena, wife of August Vorbeck, of Waterloo, Iowa; Tiena, wife of Peter Kruse, of Center township, Clinton county; Emma, Amelia, Matilda and Gertrude, who are all at home with their mother. Being successful in business affairs, Mr. Hagge was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances, and his widow now owns a well-improved farm of one hundred acres on section 27, Deep Creek township, upon which she makes her home, though she rents the land.

Mr. Hagge was injured in a runaway October 5, 1883, his right leg being hurt, and he was confined to his bed for eleven weeks at that time. Later, in May, 1886, and again in September of that year, he went to Chicago to have operations performed upon the limb, as he had never recovered from the injury, and four inches of the bone above the knee were removed. In 1893 he again met with misfortune by falling in the village of Goose Lake and breaking the same limb. He died of Bright's disease August 26, 1899, and was laid to rest in the Center township cemetery. In his political views Mr. Hagge was a strong Democrat, and always took quite an interest in public affairs. He was a man of the highest respectability, and those who were most intimately associated with him speak in unqualified terms of his sterling integrity, his honor in business and his fidelity to all

the duties of public and private life. His death occasioned the deepest regret throughout the community, and his township thereby lost one of its most valued citizens.



MICHAEL H. HYNES.

Among the most progressive, energetic and reliable farmers of Waterford township is numbered Michael H. Hynes, who is successfully carrying on his chosen occupation on section 15. He is one of Clinton county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Lyons, August 11, 1857. His father, Martin Hynes, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1825, and in 1847 came to America with a sister, locating first in the east. He was married in New York in 1851 to Miss Bridget Dolan, who was also born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1830, and came with her mother, brothers and sisters to the new world the same year as her husband. Coming to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1852, Martin Hynes conducted a hotel in Lyons for a time and also engaged in the real estate business. In the spring of 1868 he purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Waterford township, near Riggs, where he made his home until the death of his wife, which occurred October 6, 1886. He then divided his property, consisting of four hundred and eighty acres, among his children, and afterward lived retired. He was killed in the cyclone May 18, 1898, at which time he was living with our subject, and his remains were interred in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery in Bloomfield township, by the side of those of his wife.

This worthy couple were the parents of six children, namely: Thomas owns a farm of eighty acres in Waterford township, this

county, but is now operating a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Minnehaha county, South Dakota, belonging to our subject; Mary is the wife of Martin Moran, and lives in the house in Lyons in which our subject was born; Michael H. is next in order of birth; Katie is the wife of T. J. O'Meara, a retired farmer of Lyons; Martin died at the age of five years; and John Francis lives on the old homestead farm near Riggs, where he was born.

Michael H. Hynes attended school in Lyons until ten years of age, and later pursued his studies in the district schools of Waterford township until eighteen, when he entered the Clinton Business College, where he was graduated with the class of 1877. On his return home he aided his father in the operation of the farm and also engaged in buying and shipping grain and stock at Riggs Station.

On the 18th of October, 1893, Mr. Hynes was married at St. Joseph's Catholic church at Sugar Creek, by Rev. Father Sassen, to Miss Mary Hearty, who was also born in this county, on the 17th of August, 1862. Her father, William Hearty, was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, born in 1817, and on his emigration to America he settled in Canada, where he met and married Miss Mary Gleason, who was born in that county in 1830. He then went to San Francisco, California, where he spent three years, and at the end of that time came to Clinton county, Iowa, in October, 1858, and purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Waterford township, making it his home until his death, which occurred April 23, 1890. His widow is still living on the old homestead with her son John. They had four children: John, who is now managing the farm; William, a resident of Fulton, Illinois; Mary, wife

of our subject; and Katie, wife of Frank Burke, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Hynes are the parents of five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Madeline Mary, July 22, 1894; Bridget Irene, July 12, 1895; Gertrude Catherine, February 9, 1897; Martin James, October 19, 1898; and William Thomas, November 15, 1899. All are living with the exception of Martin James, who died March 10, 1899.

Since his marriage Mr. Hynes has resided upon the farm which he now occupies, it being a tract of two hundred and eighty-six acres on section 15, Waterford township. In the spring of 1895 he erected an elegant residence upon his place at a cost of five thousand dollars, and also built a large barn and other buildings, all of which were destroyed in the cyclone which swept over this locality at 4:30 P. M. on the 18th of May, 1898. At four o'clock he was at work in a field a half mile from his home, when he saw the storm approaching. Jumping on a horse, he rode to the house on a gallop and on reaching there took the children to the cellar, his wife being away from home visiting her mother, whose place was also destroyed. He then got an orphan boy and put him in the cellar, but was unable to find his father. When the storm struck the buildings it crushed them like glass balls. Later he found the body of his father in a portion of the corn crib. He lost fifty hogs, sixteen head of cattle, one horse, a goat and dog; besides four hundred fowls. In many instances he found chickens picked clean. With the exception of his father, none of his family were injured. The same year he built a splendid modern residence and large barn upon his place, and now has one of the best improved farms of the county. He also has a farm of three hundred and twenty acres

in South Dakota, which is well stocked with Polled Angus cattle, horses and hogs. Upon his home farm he also raises that breed of cattle, and keeps a good grade of all kinds of stock, to which he feeds all the grain raised upon his place and considerable that he buys from his neighbors. He also buys, feeds and sells cattle for the market, and in business affairs is meeting with most excellent success.

Mr. Hynes has never had time nor inclination for office, preferring to devote his entire attention to his business interests. He has, however, served as school director a number of years, and always takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and religiously is a member of the Catholic church of the Assumption. He is one of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers of his community, having made a scientific study of his chosen occupation, and there is probably not a better judge of stock in the county. As a man he stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

MERIT H. SPOONER.

When after years of long and earnest labor in some honorable field of business a man puts aside all cares to spend his remaining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of former toil, it is certainly a well-deserved reward of his former industry.

"How blest is he who crowns in shades
like these
A youth of labor with an age of ease,"

Wrote the poet, and the world everywhere recognizes the justice of a season of rest

following an active period of business life. For many long years Mr. Spooner was in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company as station agent at Camanche, but is now living a retired life.

He was born in Otsego township, Otsego county, New York, March 15, 1817, and is a son of Elijah and Lois (Davison) Spooner, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. In early life the father engaged in farming for some years, and later followed the mason's trade. At the age of twelve years our subject was bound out as an apprentice to learn the shoemaker's trade, and after thoroughly mastering the same he worked at that occupation some years in Lyons, Iowa, and other places. It was in 1860 that he came to this county and took up his residence in Lyons, but in the spring of the following year removed to Camanche, being appointed ticket agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at that place. In that capacity he served the company faithfully and well for thirty-six years, and in recognition of such services he was given a pension, which he now enjoys.

In 1842 Mr. Spooner was united in marriage with Miss Delia Ripley, a native of Watertown, New York, who died in 1898, at the age of seventy-one years, her remains being interred in the Camanche cemetery. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church and a most estimable lady. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children, namely: Charles, the eldest, was killed on the railroad. Emma has been twice married, and is now the wife of H. T. Mathews, of Dixon, Illinois. By her first union she had two children, one of whom is deceased, while the other, Harry E., resides in Mexico. Willard is married



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and living in Mexico. Mary is the wife of Moses Harden, and resides in Denison, Iowa.

Mr. Spooner is one of the oldest Odd Fellows of the state, having been a member of that order for nearly half a century, and he has filled every chair in the subordinate lodge. He is also a member of Camanche Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., and has filled the various offices in that organization. He cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren, the Democratic candidate, but since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its staunch supporters. Although now eighty-four years of age, his mental and physical powers seem unimpaired, and he is one of the men who make old age seem the better portion of life.

JOHN M. COOK.

Among the old and honored citizens of Orange township is John M. Cook, who owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and ninety acres on section 27. He was born in Montgomery county, Virginia, on the 6th of November, 1828. His father, Samuel Cook, was a native of Pennsylvania, and when young went to Virginia, where he subsequently married Polly Kipps, a native of that state. Our subject was reared on a farm in Roanoke county, and as he had but limited school privileges he is almost wholly a self-educated man. At an early age he began earning his own livelihood and was inured to hardships and privations.

In Rockingham county, Virginia, Mr. Cook was married September 10, 1857, to Miss Mary Chapman, who was also born in that state, and was a daughter of James L. Chapman. Soon after their marriage

they removed to Indiana, where they spent about a year, while Mr. Cook served as assistant postmaster at Dalesville, and at the end of that time returned to the Old Dominion. In the spring of 1859 he came with his father-in-law to Clinton county, Iowa, and for three or four years worked on the Chapman farm in Orange township. He then purchased forty acres of land where he now resides, on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He had built a house on his father-in-law's place, and this he removed to his own farm, making it his home for several years. He has since enlarged and improved his residence and has added to his farm until he now has one hundred and ninety acres, which he has placed under excellent cultivation. He also owns a twenty-three-acre tract of timber land. He has given considerable attention to the raising of a high grade of stock, and is accounted one of the most successful agriculturists of his community. His prosperity has been worthily achieved, as it is due entirely to his own labor, economy and perseverance.

Mr. Cook has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died July 30, 1900, and was laid to rest in the Smith cemetery in Orange township. Unto them were born eleven children, as follows: James S., a resident of Grand Mound; Nettie, who died at the age of twenty years; Lottie, wife of Aden J. Horr, of Tacoma, Washington; Jackson B., who is now carrying on the home farm; Berryman D., who died in Tacoma, Washington, in August, 1888, at the age of twenty-three years; Margaret V., deceased wife of Robert Allison; Fannie, wife of David Allison, of Oregon; William E., who assists in the operation of the home farm; and Stella May, Grace M. and Perry V., all at home.

On national issues Mr. Cook has always voted the Democratic ticket since casting his first presidential ballot for Franklin Pierce in 1852, but at local elections he votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He served some years as school director, and also filled the office of supervisor of highways, but has never cared for official honors. He is, however, a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and does all in his power to advance the interests of his community along various lines.

MRS. MARY KLINGE.

Mrs. Mary Klinge, a resident of Elk River township, was born in Germany, her parents being Sperling and Dora Griben. The mother of our subject died in her native land, while the father came to the new world in 1857, sailing from Hamburg and landing in New York after a two months' voyage on the water. From thence he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he worked out, and subsequently came to Clinton county. Here he entered eighty acres of land in Deep Creek township, which he operated until his death, which occurred in 1873, he having attained the age of fifty-two years. Three children were born unto this couple: Mary, our subject; Anna, the wife of George Ellis, a resident of Tama county, and by whom she has one child; and John, who passed away on the journey across the ocean. The father then married again, his second wife being Elizabeth, a sister of his first wife. To them were born seven children: Sophia, now deceased, who married Hans Hansen, of Crawford county, Iowa, and the mother of nine children; Charles, a farmer

of, Crawford county, Iowa, who married Dora Gleason; William, living at Teeds Grove, Iowa; Frederick, a farmer of Deep Creek township; Lena, who lives at St. Louis, Missouri, with her three children; Emma, the mother of two children, living in Texas; and August, a resident of Elk River township, Clinton county, Iowa.

In 1861 Mrs. Klinge was joined in wedlock to Chris Klinge, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1856, locating in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Later he removed to Clinton county, Iowa, near Bryant, where he entered land upon which he lived until 1868. He then removed to section 10, Elk River township, where he spent his remaining years, passing away on the 1st day of June, 1879, being fifty-one years of age. He was a good husband and father, devoting his life to the comfort and happiness of his family. He was buried at Teeds Grove.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Klinge has been blessed with six children, namely: Ann, who married Paul Struve, a resident of Elk River township, and by whom she has six children—Ernest, Francis, George, Paul, Florence and William; Louis, who married Dora Hamner, of Wisconsin, and who, with his wife and four children, lives in Elk River township; Frank, a resident of Elk River township; Crist, a resident of Elk River township, who married Christiana Petersen, by whom he has four children,—Crist, Peter, Monel and Raymond; Mary, the wife of Henry Huppner, a resident of Teeds Grove, and to whom two children were born,—Walter and Henrietta; and William, who lives with his mother and manages the farm.

Mrs. Klinge was joined in marriage a second time to Arsinus Thompson, and to them was born one child, Ernest, who is now

living with his mother on the home farm. Mrs. Klinge now owns eighty acres of well-improved land, which yield bountiful harvests that bring to her a substantial return. She is a member of the German Lutheran church, and is a most estimable lady, having won many friends through her genial disposition and kindness of heart, and all who know her entertain for her the deepest regard.

ELIAS D. GREGORY.

Elias D. Gregory, deceased, was for many years one of the leading and prominent citizens of Brookfield township. He was born in Ohio on the 11th of May, 1836, and was a son of Isaac and Amy (Clark) Gregory, both natives of Vermont. After residing in Ohio for some years the parents came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1849, and were among the early settlers of Brookfield township, where they continued to make their home until death.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and here grew to manhood. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Annie Stutesman, a native of Pennsylvania, who lived for some time in Indiana before coming to Iowa. She died April 10, 1873. By that union were born five children: Amy is the wife of David Beard, of Woodbury, Iowa; James, a physician by profession, wedded Mary I. Sparks, now deceased, and he died July 14, 1896, leaving two children, James and Mary; Caroline lives near the old home farm in Brookfield township; William Isaac, born in July, 1867, and Annie May, born March 26, 1872, both died young. Mr. Gregory was again married, September 22, 1879, his second union being with Miss Nancy M.

Brown, of Canada. Her father was Hiram Brown, who lived in Lost Nation about fifteen years, and then removed to South Dakota, where he died in 1892. Her mother is also deceased. By his second marriage Mr. Gregory had one child, Elias Truman, who was born November 12, 1883, and is now at home with his mother.

After reaching man's estate Mr. Gregory engaged in farming with good success, and made many improvements upon the place which is still the home of the family. During the last seven years of his life he rented his farm and lived retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. His widow now owns eighty-five acres of land in Brookfield township, and carries on general farming and stock raising with good success.

Mr. Gregory died July 14, 1896, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Elwood, to which his widow also belongs, and was a member of the good Templars lodge at that place. In his political views he was a strong Republican, and he ably filled the offices of school director and road supervisor.

COLONEL JOHN H. SMITH.

Among the representative and prominent citizens of Camanche is Colonel John Henry Smith, who was born in Guilderland, Albany county, New York, March 19, 1827, and is a son of George Jacob Smith, a native of the same county. His grandfather, Jacob Henry Smith, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to this country as one of the soldiers in the employ of the English government during the Revolutionary war. While serving un-

der Burgoyne at Saratoga he was captured by the Continental troops, and afterward foreswore his allegiance to all foreign countries and became an American citizen. Locating in Albany county, New York, he there married and reared a family. By occupation he was a farmer, as was also the father of our subject, who spent his entire life in Albany county. He married Johanna Synder, also a native of that county, and the only child born of this union was our subject. The Colonel was only seven years old when his father died, and his mother subsequently married an uncle of our subject, who was a black smith by trade.

Colonel Smith was principally educated in the German schools of his native county, and until thirteen years of age he worked with his step-father in the blacksmith shop. On leaving home at that time, he went to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he was employed in a machine shop for three years, and then returned to Albany county, New York, where he followed farming until coming west in 1844, which year witnessed his arrival in Chicago. He made two trips as engineer on a propeller plying between that city and Detroit, but soon tired of the water and accepted a position as clerk in the office of Bristol & Porter, Chicago, with which firm he remained until the summer of 1845. He was next engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1849, and was subsequently employed as engineer in a sawmill at Spring Lake, Michigan, until 1850.

In March of that year Colonel Smith was united in marriage with Miss Emily P. Cooley, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, which state was also the birthplace of her parents, Thomas and Anna (Kennedy) Cooley. The father was a prominent politician and served as superintendent of the state arsenal at Hartford for many years.

Unto the Colonel and his wife were born six children, namely: Charles A., deceased; George A., a prominent physician of Clinton, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Harry Cooley and Richard, both deceased; Frances E., who lives with her father in Camanche; and Jessie M., wife of W. L. Dannatt, of Low Moor, this county. The eldest son, Charles, who was born September 5, 1852, and died January 28, 1881, was a prominent attorney and assistant United States internal revenue collector at Clinton. The mother of these children, who was a consistent member of the Methodist church, and a most estimable lady, died in May, 1892, and was laid to rest in the Camanche cemetery.

After his marriage Colonel Smith was engaged as engineer on the St. Charles division of the Chicago & Galena Union Railway for six months, and in the spring of 1852 came to Clinton, Iowa, entering a tract of government land on section twenty-six, Center township, which at that time was all wild prairie. He erected a board shanty upon his place, in which the family lived the following summer, and in the fall built a small frame house, which was his home until 1855. On selling that place he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section eighteen, Center township, and also eighty acres in Washington township. He had broken and fenced about one hundred acres of this when the news that Fort Sumpter had been fired upon arrived, and feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted, October 17, 1861, in Company A, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in as captain. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, the second battle of Corinth, and the siege of Vicksburg. In March, 1864, he veteranized and returned home on a short furlough. He

then joined the Seventeenth Army Corps, under General Blair, at Cairo, from there he marched overland to Sherman's army at Kingston, Georgia, and participated in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain. During the battle of Atlanta his regiment was captured, and he was taken to Macon and later to Charleston. When the Union forces were shelling the latter city, he and his fellow prisoners were placed in the most exposed portion of the city, where the shells from the guns of their own soldiers made it exceedingly dangerous. Colonel Smith was finally transferred to Columbia, South Carolina, where, in company with four others, he eluded the guards and started for the Union lines. When their escape was discovered bloodhounds were put upon the track. They traveled by night and concealed themselves during the day time, until, reaching the Congaree river, they floated down that stream to the Santee and so on to its mouth, where they discovered the Canandaigua, a gunboat, eleven miles out. Looking around they found an old box boat, in which they made their way to the vessel, arriving there after three weeks of hiding, traveling and starving. All they had to eat was received from the colored people along the way, and that in very small quantities. Admiral Dalgren transferred them to General Foster's headquarters at Hilton Head. On his return home Captain Smith reported to the secretary of war, and was ordered to rejoin his regiment, which he did. He was then appointed major at the unanimous request of every officer in the regiment, which was of itself a compliment, and later, for meritorious mention by General Stone, was commissioned lieutenant colonel. The war having practically ended, he resigned at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 22nd of June, 1865. Af-

ter his return home the citizens of Lyons presented him with a sword, sash and belt to replace the ones which, when he was captured at Atlanta, he destroyed rather than deliver them into the hands of the enemy. While a prisoner at Columbia he was compelled to sleep in the open air without blanket or covering. The rations he and the other prisoners received were five pints of cornmeal, one pint of molasses, a spoonful of salt and a small quantity of rice per week, and they were compelled to do their own cooking.

While he was in the army the Colonel's family resided in Lyons, and on his return home they took up their residence in Camanche, where, in partnership with W. H. Hoyt, he purchased a flouring mill, which they successfully conducted until 1869, when our subject sold his interest, but the mill was destroyed by fire before he received payment for the same. During that year he was appointed assistant United States assessor in the internal revenue service for the second collection district of Iowa, and in 1872 was appointed United States gauger of liquors in the same district, holding the position until after the change in administration, in 1885. As the duties of that office only required a portion of his time, he embarked in fruit raising in 1873, and has since followed that pursuit. He still resides in Camanche, and is an active man, though past seventy-four years of age.

As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, Colonel Smith has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs, and helped to organize the first school and build the first school building in Center township, the money for the same coming out of the pockets of a few. Being elected from that township, he became a member of the first

board of supervisors in Clinton county, and also filled the offices of assessor and treasurer of the school board of Center township, and also president of the school board of Camanche, as well as alderman and mayor of the village. He was instrumental in establishing a poor-house in the county, and in the care of paupers saved the county considerable money. In 1865 the Colonel was elected state senator, and for four years represented his district faithfully and well in the legislative hall of the state, serving as chairman of the committee on manufacturing, and a member of the railroad committee. Politically he is a Republican, and socially is a member of Cady Post, No. 41, Grand Army of the Republic at Camanche; Camanche Lodge, No. 60, Free and Accepted Masons; Hope Lodge, No. 13, Ancient Order of the United Workmen. His loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to his country's interests have been among his marked characteristics; and his life has been manly, his actions sincere and his example is well worthy of emulation.

GEORGE LUCKSTEAD.

One of the most energetic and enterprising agriculturists of Waterford township is George Luckstead, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres on section 16, Waterford township, and is also engaged in stock raising. A native of Iowa, he was born in Jackson county, August 5, 1859, and is a son of John and Sophia (Stebbe) Luckstead, who were born, reared and married in Germany and came to America in 1857. For eight years the father engaged in farming on rented land in Jackson county, and

in 1866 came to Clinton county, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of timber land in Waterford township, for which he paid ten dollars per acre. He made his home thereon until 1891, when he removed to Preston, Iowa, and resided there until his death, which occurred on the 18th of March, 1898. He owned two hundred and twenty acres of fine farming land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, and which was divided among his children at the time of his death. In political sentiment he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Lutheran, and was a man who commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or social life. His estimable wife died December 15, 1888, and both were laid to rest in Reed's cemetery, Waterford township.

In their family were six children, namely: Fred married Minnie Holst and is engaged in farming in Jones county, Iowa; George is next in order of birth; Mary is the wife of H. L. Hansen, a farmer of Waterford township, Clinton county; August wedded Mary Specht and lives in Jones county; Annie is the wife of Fred Storm, of the same county; and Ida is the wife of John Schrader, of Jones county.

George Luckstead passed his boyhood and youth upon the home farm, and attended the district schools of Waterford township until 1870, after which he devoted his entire time to the cultivation of the farm. On the 31st of March, 1891, at Preston, Iowa, he was united in marriage with Miss Katie Frey, who was born in Germany, January 11, 1866, and was only five years old when she came to America with her sister, Mrs. Louisa Moore, her parents having both died in Germany. In this country she made her home with Henry Specht, now a

resident of Jones county, Iowa. The only member of the family now living besides herself is Louisa, wife of Henry Moore, who resides on a farm near Preston. There were seven children, but the others all died in the town of Bonsdorf, on the island of Fehmarn, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Luckstead have had four children: John Henry, born May 30, 1892; and Irene Maria Clondine, born August 23, 1899, and two who died in infancy.

Our subject and his wife began their domestic life upon the farm which he now occupies, and he has since successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, feeding a high grade of stock for market. He lost heavily in the cyclone which occurred May 18, 1898, three barns and other outbuildings were destroyed, but none of his family were injured. At national elections he always votes the Democratic ticket, but at local elections, when no issue is involved, he supports the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party lines. Socially he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers of Charlotte.

JAMES P. BAIRD.

James P. Baird, a thrifty and enterprising farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower residing on section 21, Orange township, has made his home in this county since June, 1864. He was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1851, and is a son of Zebulon W. and Nancy (Ross) Baird, also natives of that county. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Baird, was born in the same state, and was a son of

David Baird, who came to this country from Scotland, and was one of the pioneers of Pennsylvania. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Samuel Ross, was also one of the early settlers of that state. By occupation Zebulon Baird was a farmer and tobacco grower. He continued his residence in Pennsylvania until 1864, when he joined a brother and brother-in-law in Clinton county, Iowa, and located on the farm where our subject now resides, having purchased the land through his brother-in-law, who had it broken. Mr. Baird built a house and barn, and continued the improvement and cultivation of his land throughout the remainder of his life. He died here December 26, 1882. His wife had passed away seven years previous, and both were laid to rest in the Elmwood cemetery, DeWitt. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Pennsylvania, but only two are now living: James P., our subject; and Mary Ella, wife of L. W. David, of Port Byron, Illinois.

During his minority, James P. Baird gave his father the benefit of his labors, and he early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits, while his literary education was obtained in the home school. After reaching manhood he took charge of the farm, and continued its operation until 1887, when he rented the place and removed to Monona county, Iowa, where he purchased a tract of eighty-nine acres of land, of which thirty-two had been placed under the plow, but the remainder was all wild and unimproved. This he cleared and broke, and continued the cultivation of that farm for ten years, when he sold the place and returned to the old homestead in Clinton county. He has made many improvements on this farm, which

consists of one hundred and forty acres. He has a fine, large bearing orchard, and also has a thrifty young orchard just beginning to bear. He raises a great variety of fruit, and finds this branch of his business quite profitable.

Mr. Baird was married in the Masonic Temple at Lyons, January 23, 1875, to Miss Adaline Kenny, who was born in Harrison county, West Virginia, and is a daughter of George W. and Susan (Dyke) Kenney, the former also a native of that state, the latter of Virginia. The family made their home in Licking county, Ohio, for ten years, and there Mrs. Baird was principally reared and educated. In 1865 they came to Iowa, and after residing in Scott county for a time, took up their residence in Clinton county in 1867. A year later they removed to Green county, where Mr. Kenney followed farming until his death. His widow subsequently sold the farm and went to Oklahoma, where she and each of her children took up claims. She took her claim in 1900, and is now having it improved, which seems quite an undertaking for an old lady of seventy-eight years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baird were born nine children, namely: Maud E., now the wife of John W. Stephenson, of Boneparte, Iowa; Emma J., at home; Zebulon W., who died in 1898, at the age of nineteen years; Charles S., who assists his father in carrying on the home farm; Laura I., Mary E., James P., Jr., Viola E. and Adaline P., all at home.

Politically Mr. Baird has been a staunch Republican since he cast his first presidential ballot for General U. S. Grant in 1872, but at local elections votes for the man and not the party. He has taken quite an active

interest in public affairs, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to devote his entire attention to his business affairs. He is widely and favorably known.

GEORGE LONGMAN.

George Longman, the well-known and efficient steward of the county poor farm on section 35, Waterford township, was born in Canada on the 21st of February, 1854, and is a son of George and Julia (Murphy) Longman, natives of England and Canada, respectively. They were married in the latter country, and continued to make their home there until 1869, when they came to the United States and settled in Marshall county, Illinois, residing there until 1890. During that year they removed to Fillmore county, Nebraska, and the father purchased land near Grafton, where he made his home until his death, which occurred March 6, 1896. His wife is still living at that place.

Our subject is the oldest in a family of fourteen children, the others being as follows: Thomas married Bridget Finnegan, and resides in Sac county, Iowa; James first married Anna Kegan, and second Margaret Brady, and lives near Grafton, Nebraska; Samuel married Catherine Finnegan, and makes his home in Putnam, Putnam county, Illinois; John married Lizzie O'Brien, and lives in Tiskilwa, Bureau county, Illinois; Elizabeth is the wife of John E. Barry, of Henry, Marshall county, Illinois; Mary Ann resides in Grafton, Nebraska; Agnes married Joseph Hennessy, and died in Grafton in November, 1889; Catherine died in infancy; Catherine (second) is the wife of William Henneberry,



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of Grafton, Nebraska; Peter died at the age of ten years; Miles is also a resident of that place; Charles W. married Minnie Donovan, and lives in Grafton; and Nellie also makes her home there.

George Longman acquired his education in the district schools of Canada and Illinois, being a lad of fifteen years when the family removed to the Prairie state. He attended school only during the winter months until eighteen years of age, and worked on the farm during the summer season. Later he was employed as a farm hand by the month for seven years.

On the 29th of February, 1876, in Henry, Illinois, he married Miss Julia E. Finnegan, who was born near Putnam, Putnam county, that state, June 16, 1853. Her parents, Thomas and Julia (Durnin) Finnegan, were both natives of County Louth, Ireland, where they were married, and about 1852 emigrated to America. The father entered a claim in Putnam county, Illinois, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, as he died in 1852. His wife continued on the farm until her death, which occurred in September, 1882. They were the parents of four children: Thomas, who was accidentally killed by a horse at the age of twenty-one years; Bridget, wife of James Malone, of Davenport, Iowa; Ann, who resides with our subject; and Julia, wife of our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Longman were born five children, as follows: Lizzie A., who was born March 30, 1878, and died in DeWitt, Iowa, November 28, 1890; Thomas J., who was born February 9, 1879, and died December 26, 1880; George F., who was born November 20, 1880, and now assists his father in his work; Catherine E., who was born October 30, 1883, and is now attending school in Clinton; and Julia A., who was

born December 30, 1886, and resides with her parents.

After his marriage Mr. Longman engaged in farming on rented land in Illinois until 1885, when he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and operated a rented farm in De Witt township for seven years. On the 1st of March, 1892, he was appointed by the board of supervisors as steward of the county poor farm and insane asylum, while his wife was made matron. He succeeded John Blessington, who had held the position for sixteen years. The first steward was John McEllhatton. Under the supervision of our subject many improvements have been made in the property, including the erection of a large L to the main building, while a smoking room and reading room apart from this building have also been built. The interior of the asylum has been completely remodeled, and in fact the entire place has been filled up with modern improvements and has the best possible facilities for ventilating, heating and lighting the place. Hot and cold water baths are also furnished and everything is done for the comfort of the inmates. In this respect the Clinton county poor farm is not excelled by any institution of the kind in the state. Everything is neat and orderly, and the inmates enjoy remarkably good health. There are now twenty-four patients in the insane department and forty-two in the poor house. Much of the success of this institution is due to the able management of Mr. Longman, whose course here is beyond criticism. He is a liberal, public-spirited man, kind-hearted and agreeable, and takes an active interest in all that pertains to the advancement of the community in which he lives. He owns a quarter section of land in Sac county. Religiously he is a member of the Catholic church

and socially is a member of Camp No. 2486, M. W. A., and the Court of Honor, both at Charlotte. In politics he is a gold Democrat.

CHARLES R. LONG.

Among the well-to-do and prominent agriculturists of Camanche township is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He was born in Camanche, Camanche township, Clinton county, Iowa, on the 17th of August, 1855, and is a son of Thomas and Ellen (Chase) Long. The father followed farming and also engaged in the practice of law in Camanche for some years, but spent his last day in Chicago, where his death occurred, but made his home here.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of five children. His boyhood and youth were passed in Camanche township, and he is indebted to its public schools for his educational advantages. At an early age he commenced farming, and is today the owner of a well improved and valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, in connection with his brother, whose neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates the supervision of a careful and painstaking owner.

Mr. Long was married in 1888 to Miss Ellen Metcalf, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Major) Metcalf, both natives of England. The latter was the only one in a family of eleven children to come to America. The father was born in Lincolnshire and in early life learned the wagon-maker's trade. In 1858 he and his wife came to the United States and the following year located in Camanche, Iowa, where he built a small shop. In connection with

work at his trade he also followed carpentering to some extent. He died in 1877, at the age of forty-seven years, but his wife still survives him at the age of sixty-eight years, and continues to make her home in Camanche. Unto them were born the following children: George, Eliza, Mary Ann, David, Joseph, Mary, and William, all now deceased; John T. and Henry, who are living with their mother; Ellen, wife of our subject; and Elizabeth, wife of J. Brown, of Camanche. Mr. and Mrs. Long have one child, Edna. In political sentiment our subject is a Republican, and an earnest advocate of party principles.

LEWIS M. HAHN.

Orange township has probably no more highly esteemed citizen than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He has been a resident of the county since June, 1856, and now owns and operates a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 16, Orange township. A native of Germany, he was born in Holstein, on the 9th of December, 1837, and is a son of Hans and Wilhelmina (Meintz) Hahn, who made their home in that country throughout life. The father was born and reared in Hanover.

In 1855, when only seventeen years of age, Mr. Hahn, of this review, took passage at Hamburg on the St. Andrew, a sailing vessel, which after a stormy voyage of forty-five days dropped anchor in the harbor of New York. From that city he went to Baltimore, Maryland, where he clerked in the grocery store of an uncle for about a year. He then came to this county, joining some friends whom

he had known in the old world, and here he worked by the month as a farm hand for several years.

Mr. Hahn was married in this county, August 22, 1861, to Miss Sarah Thomas, who was born in DeWitt township, and is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families. Her father, John Thomas, was born in Virginia in 1816, and when a child went to Ohio, being reared in Harrison county. There he married Eliza Jane Turner, who was a native of Nova Scotia, but spent her girlhood in the Buckeye state. By this union were born five children, but only two are now living: Sarah, wife of our subject; and Henry L., a resident of Cass county, Nebraska. The mother of these children died in DeWitt township, this county, and the father subsequently married again and had children by his second wife. He was one of the earliest settlers of Clinton county and developed a large farm in DeWitt township. During his active business life he made his home here, but died at the home of a daughter in Woodbury county, Iowa, in 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn began their domestic life on a rented farm, but in 1866 he was able to purchase eighty acres of wild land and forty acres under cultivation, on which was a little shanty, and here they took up their abode, after making some improvements in the dwelling. They lived there two or three years while he devoted his attention to the development of the farm. Later he built a more commodious residence, and also erected a good barn and other outbuildings. He tiled the place, set out fruit and made many other improvements. At one time he owned one hundred and sixty acres, but has since disposed of forty acres. He raises a high grade of cattle, horses and hogs, and has

met with well-deserved success in his farming operations.

The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hahn are as follows: Leonard A., a farmer, carpenter and contractor, of Orange township, married Maud Broughton, and now owns and operates a good farm in that township; Anna is the wife of Edward Miller, a business man of DeWitt; Amy was educated in the DeWitt high school and the normal school at Cedar Falls, where she completed the prescribed course, and has successfully engaged in teaching for several years; Laura is the wife of Charles Gray, of South Dakota; Jennie is the wife of Stanley Myers, of Bloomington, Illinois; and Mina and Alta are both at home with their parents.

In his political views Mr. Hahn is a staunch Republican, having always supported that party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. His son is also a Republican. Our subject was a member of the school board four years, but has never sought office. Both he and his wife are active and consistent members of the Christian church, and he has served as elder for some years. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens who lead quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives, and constitute the best portion of a community.

WILLIAM K. MILLER.

William K. Miller, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Brookfield township, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 31st of January, 1863, and is a worthy representative of one of the old and highly respected families of his locality,

being a son of Gabriel K. and Sarah (Kaufman) Miller, both natives of Pennsylvania. On coming to this state in 1859, his parents settled in Jackson county, where they made their home until 1866, when they removed to the farm in Brookfield township, Clinton county, now occupied by our subject. The father made all of the improvements upon this place, and engaged in farming here until 1885, when he returned to Jackson county and there he continues to reside on a farm one mile and a half north of our subject's residence. In early life he was a hard working man and met with fair success, so that he is now able to lay aside all business cares and spend the remainder of his days in ease and quiet. He has always taken a leading part in local affairs and has held several township offices. By trade he is a stone mason, and helped lay the foundation of many of the oldest houses and barns in the northern part of this county. In his family are six children, namely: Mahlon, who is engaged in the sewing machine business in Maquoketa, Iowa; William K., our subject; Minnie, wife of Morris Laush, who lives near Lost Nation; Mary, wife of P. Hottenstein, of Tama county, Iowa; Ella, wife of G. Lyons, of the same county; and Emma, wife of O. Hottenstein, who lives with the father. All were educated in the common schools.

Our subject spent his boyhood and youth upon the home farm and early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of eighteen he commenced working at the carpenter's trade and followed that occupation for three years. He now operates the old home farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Brookfield township, and in its management shows that he thoroughly understands his chosen vocation.

In 1883 Mr. Miller married Miss Eva Twiss, of Brookfield township, a daughter of John Twiss, who is now living in Nebraska, and by this union have been born five children, namely: Stella, Melvin, Norma, Frank and Viola. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are both members of the English Reformed church near their farm, and he is also connected with the Brotherhood of the World at Elwood. In politics he is a Democrat, and takes a commendable interest in public affairs.

GEORGE W. ARTIS.

Among the prosperous and substantial farmers of Orange township is the subject of this review, who owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and thirty acres, adjoining the corporate limits of Grand Mound. He was born on the 16th of August, 1855, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, of which county his parents, Lewis and Mary A. (Hedding) Artis, both grandfathers, Mr. Artis and Samuel Hedding, being early settlers of that locality. The father was a farmer and mechanic, his trade being that of blacksmithing. He was born in 1826, and continued to make his home in the county of his nativity until 1856, and then came to Clinton county, Iowa, locating in DeWitt, where he worked at his trade for a time. Subsequently he rented a farm in Orange township for a year, and then purchased a farm of forty acres. Later he sold that place and bought a fairly well improved farm of eighty acres in Orange township, to the further development and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for some years, but spent his last days in retirement from active labor in the village of Grand Mound, where he died in April,

1888. His wife is still living, at the age of seventy years, and makes her home in De-Witt.

George W. Artis was not quite a year old when brought by his parents to this county, and he was reared and educated in Orange township, remaining with his father until reaching man's estate, when he rented land and commenced farming on his own account. He was married in Orange township, February 5, 1877, to Miss Rosella B. Ordway, a native of this county, and a daughter of Walter Ordway, who came here from New Jersey, and was one of the pioneer farmers and stock raisers of Orange township. By this union were born three children, who are still living, namely: Maud, now the wife of Henry Lineweaver, of South English, Keokuk county, Iowa; Hubert and Bonnybel. They also lost a son, Harry Melvin, who died in early childhood.

After his marriage Mr. Artis continued to operate rented land for one year, and then purchased sixty acres in Orange township, which he owned for five years. On selling that place he bought a farm of two hundred acres, southwest of Grand Mound, which he greatly improved, and in connection with farming he also engaged in stock raising there for five years. About 1887 he rented the farm and removed to Grand Mound, where he engaged in the butcher business one year, and the creamery business for about the same length of time. In 1891 he bought the farm where he now resides, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, and built thereon a neat brick residence, barn and other outbuildings. He also set out fruit and forest trees, and has made many other substantial and valuable improvements, which add to its beauty. Although he began life for himself in limited circum-

stances, he has by his own enterprise and good management succeeded in acquiring a handsome competence, and is now the owner of two fine farms in Orange township.

Politically Mr. Artis is a stanch Republican, and is an advocate of expansion. He cast his first presidential vote for Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876. He has always taken an active interest in educational affairs, and has efficiently served as a member of the school board and also as a member of the village board. He is an official member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal church of Grand Mound, and his wife is also an active church worker and a member of the Epworth League. They are people of the highest respectability, and their circle of friends seems only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

STEPHEN STUCKEL.

Stephen Stuckel, who is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section seven, Waterford township, Clinton county, Iowa, was born in Austria on the 12th of April, 1864, and is a son of Stephen and Annie (Simmerman) Stuckel, who were life-long residents of that country. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Jacob, who is a soldier in the Austrian army, and lives near Vienna; John, who is also in the Austrian army; Mary, wife of John Gravoek, a resident of Liba, Austria; Annie, who also makes her home in that country; Stephen, of this review; Joseph, who came to America three years after our subject, and now makes his home in Waterford township, this county (he married Thresa Paschall); and one who died young.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the land of his birth and attended its schools until nineteen years of age. In 1883 he emigrated to America, and after spending four months in Chicago, working in a furniture factory, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and was first employed on a farm near Riggs by the year. After his marriage he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections six and seven, Waterford township, and has since built a commodious and comfortable residence, a large barn and other outbuildings, besides making many other useful and valuable improvements upon the place. He gives considerable attention to the breeding of thoroughbred Hereford cattle and a good grade of horses and hogs, and as a farmer and stockraiser is meeting with well-deserved success.

At St. Joseph's Catholic church, in Sugar Creek township, February 8, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stuckel and Miss Mary Skala, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Sassin. Mrs. Stuckel was born in Riggs, October 26, 1878, and is a daughter of Jacob and Anna Skala, both of whom were natives of Austria, and came to America about 1871. They were married in Lyons, Iowa, and have since made their home on a farm near Riggs, in Waterford township. Their children are: Mary, Jacob, Mathias, Kate, Agnes, John, Rosie and Susie, all unmarried, with exception of Mrs. Stuckel. Our subject and his wife have four children whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Loretta Anna, October, 26, 1892; Henry Joseph, June 26, 1895; Edward John, June 26, 1897; and Rosie Mary, June 2, 1899.

Mr. Stuckel is a member of the Austrian Roman Catholic Society, with headquarters at Joliet, Illinois, and belongs to St. Jo-

seph's Catholic church in Sugar Creek. Politically he affiliates with the Democracy, and is now efficiently serving as road supervisor.

HIAL A. FARNSWORTH.

Hial A. Farnsworth, one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, is now practically living a retired life in the village of Camanche. He was born on the 15th of March, 1837, in Wadham's Mills, Essex county, New York, and is one of a family of six children, two now living, whose parents were Albert A. and Parmelia (Finney) Farnsworth, who were also natives of the Empire state. During his residence there the father followed the wheelwright's trade. In 1852 he came to Iowa, and after spending three years in Le Claire, Scott county, he removed to Camanche, Clinton county, where he worked in a sawmill until the mill was burned, and then followed farming for a short time. He died in 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

The subject of this sketch was fifteen years of age when he came with his family to Iowa, and here he grew to manhood. When the country became involved in civil war he resolved to strike a blow for the Union, and enlisted in Camanche, October 3, 1861, in Company A, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain John H. Smith, who afterward became colonel of the regiment, and who is represented on another page of this volume. Our subject participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part, including the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea. He re-enlisted and remained in the service until hostilities ceased, being honorably discharged at Da-

venport, July 19, 1865, after almost four years at the front.

After his return from the war, Mr. Farnsworth followed farming, and later bought forty acres of land, and also some lots for building purposes, in Camanche. He was engaged in various enterprises with good success, and is now quite well-to-do. November 3, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Carpenter, a daughter of Homer Carpenter, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, and they became the parents of four children: Mattie, wife of W. Cleveland, a farmer of Scott county; Asa, deceased; Myra, wife of Elmer Woodruff, of Minnesota; and Minnie, at home.

Politically Mr. Farnsworth is identified with the Republican party, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to fill various township offices, including those of justice of the peace, school director and road supervisor, the duties of which offices he most capably performed. Religiously he is an earnest member of the Baptist church, and socially is a member of General N. B. Baker Post, No. 88, Grand Army of the Republic, of Clinton.

E. A. COVERDALE.

Prominent among the prosperous and substantial citizens of Brookfield township is E. A. Coverdale, who is the owner of a large and valuable farm, and his management of the place is marked by the scientific knowledge and skill which characterize the modern farmer. He is a native of this county, born May 4, 1858, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Coverdale, who were born, reared and married in Lin-

colnshire, England, and came to the new world in 1849 as passengers on a sailing vessel which was seven weeks in crossing the ocean, during which time they encountered some severe storms. They landed safely in New York, however, and first located near Aurora, Illinois, where the father worked for fifty cents per day for two years. At the end of that time he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of raw prairie land in Brookfield township, which he proceeded at once to break and cultivate, after building thereon a log house. At that time there were only two houses in Maquoketa, and no other town nearer than Lyons, Clinton or Davenport. He did most of his trade in Lyons. He continued to make his home in Brookfield township until his death, which occurred September 13, 1890, and his remains were interred in the Union church cemetery. He accumulated over four hundred acres of land, and was able to spend his last years in retirement from active labor. He supported the Republican party, but always refused to accept public office. His widow is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Ada Benton, in Maquoketa. Of the twelve children born to this worthy couple only three are now living, namely: E. A., our subject; Frank, a retired farmer of Maquoketa, who married Susan Benton, and is now interested in bee culture; and Ada, wife of Delman Benton, of Maquoketa.

In early life E. A. Coverdale attended the district schools of Brookfield township until eighteen years of age, and also took a course at the Davenport Business College. On the 6th of January, 1881, in Brookfield township, was celebrated his marriage with Miss Sarah Jepsen, who was born in that township, November 7, 1860, a daughter of H. J. and Gertrude (Teskey) Jepsen, the

former a native of Schleswig, Germany, the latter of County Cork, Ireland. Mr. Jepsen spent eighteen years as a sailor, and in 1855 came to America. He first went to California, and afterward came to Clinton county, Iowa, where he was successfully engaged in farming for many years, but is now living a retired life in Elwood, Brookfield township. He owned two hundred and forty acres of land in that township, and also twenty acres in Jackson county, Iowa. In his political views he is a Democrat. He was married in Maquoketa to Miss Gertrude Teskey, who died August 25, 1881, and was buried in the Elwood cemetery. They had ten children, of whom nine are still living, namely: Margaret, wife of Joseph A. Heiner, of Elwood; Fred, who married Ada Vine, and lives in Wyoming, Iowa; Sarah, wife of our subject; Hannah, wife of J. W. Anderson, a farmer of Brookfield township; Gertrude, wife of W. P. Phillips, also a farmer of that township; George, who married Alta Pierce, and is engaged in general merchandising in Eldora, Iowa; Charles, who married Gertrude Brown, and resides in Brookfield township; Ella, wife of E. D. Anderson, of that township; and Bertha, wife of R. M. Sadler, of the same township. Mr. and Mrs. Coverdale have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: John, April 4, 1883; Charles, April 15, 1885; Roy, April 30, 1887; and Erma, October, 13, 1891.

On leaving the parental roof Mr. Coverdale rented a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in Bloomfield township, which he operated four years. He then purchased eighty acres on section twenty-three, Brookfield township, to which he has since added three hundred acres, and now has a large and well-improved farm, sup-

plied with all modern conveniences and accessories. He is one of the most extensive and successful stock dealers of the county, feeding and shipping from twelve to fifteen carloads of horses, cattle and hogs annually. He not only feeds to his stock all the grain raised upon his own farm, but is compelled to buy more from his neighbors. He is an up-to-date and practical agriculturist, who has made a scientific study of farming and there is probably no one better posted on live stock in this county than he. During the cyclone which occurred about four p. m. on the 18th of May, 1898, he put his family in a carriage and drove out of the path of the storm, but his place was in the center of it, and house, barn and fences were all swept away. He lost two hundred hogs, eighty head of cattle and six horses, while six other horses were crippled. His loss amounted to about twelve thousand dollars, but with characteristic energy he at once set to work to redeem his losses, and to-day has a better improved farm than ever before. Mr. Coverdale is a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp at Elwood, and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but has absolutely refused to hold office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests.



HON. GEORGE D. McDAID.

This is an utilitarian age when the value of practical ideas is recognized not only as a potent factor in business affairs but in political circles as well, and thus men of well known business and executive force are chosen for public office. Filling the responsible position of mayor of Clinton is the Hon. George D. McDaid—a gentleman well



GEORGE D. McDAID..

known for reliability in commercial circles. Energetic, prompt and notably progressive, as the chief executive of Clinton he is so controlling the affairs of the city as to promote progress, reform and improvement along many lines.

Mr. McDaid is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred on the 8th of August, 1853, in St. Lawrence county, New York, near Alexandria's bay, in the Thousand Islands. His parents were James and Syrena (Dake) McDaid. The family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The father of our subject was born in the southern part of Scotland and when about twenty years of age crossed the Atlantic to the state of New York, where he remained until 1862, when he offered his services to his adopted country to aid in the suppression of the rebellion in the south. He became a member of the One Hundred and Forty-second New York Infantry and was killed in the battle of Island No. 10, in the Mississippi river. His wife was a native of Canada, and at her husband's death was left with the care of seven children.

George McDaid, the fifth in order of birth, came to the Mississippi valley in 1867, locating at Oregon, Ogle county, Illinois, and a year later was joined by his mother and her family, who established a homestead in Oregon, where the mother died in 1889. The property is still in possession of the family. In the common schools of New York, George McDaid began his education which was continued in the schools of Oregon, but at an early age he began to earn his own living, working first as a farm hand and later entering the employ of a farmer and stock-raiser, buying hogs and cattle for George W. Hill, of Oregon, and driving them fifteen or twenty miles to the railroad

for shipment. This was his first experience in business life. In 1870, on account of failing health, he purchased a pony and rode across the country to northwestern Iowa, camping out along the way. In that section of the state he entered a section of land in his own and his brother's name, embracing the present site of the town of Sutherland. He hired a man to improve the land, built a sod house on each quarter section of the land and thus fulfilled the legal requirements for obtaining the title. On arising in the morning he would often see great herds of deer and elk on his land. After remaining for a time on his claim he went to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he remained until the spring of 1871, when he secured employment with George J. Bander, of Clinton, who was selling lightning rods.

In the spring of 1872 Mr. McDaid came to this city with his wagon and entered the employ of Thomas G. Ferreby, who was engaged in the hardware business, and was also employed by George G. Bender, who was in the crockery business. In the spring of 1873 he became connected with the firm of Olney & McMahon, druggists, first in the capacity as a clerk in the store and afterward going upon the road as a traveling salesman. Subsequently he acquired an interest in the business as a member of the firm of Olney & McDaid, the relationship being formed in 1881 and continuing until 1891 when the business was incorporated under the same name with A. R. Olney as president and treasurer; G. D. McDaid, vice-president and general manager; W. B. Holmes, assistant treasurer; F. J. Junkermann, secretary; and B. F. Moffett, superintendent. There is a paid up capital stock of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The year after the incorporation the com-

pany erected a fine building, with pressed brick front. The dimensions of the structure are fifty by one hundred and twenty feet, and there are three floors and a basement. There is also a warehouse across the alley and the company utilizes the entire space in the conduct of its extensive, growing and profitable business. The building was especially planned for the purpose after an experience of thirty years in the drug trade, and is most complete in all details. The patronage is large and is constantly increasing and the customers who once gave them their trade remain as their constant patrons, a fact which indicates in unmistakable manner the reliability of the house in its dealings and on the quality of goods carried. They employ six traveling salesmen and at least two thirds of their business is through mail orders.

In his political views Mr. McDaid is a stalwart Republican, but has never been an aspirant for political honors nor was he ever active in politics, aside from exercising his right of franchise, until his name was brought forward in the spring of 1898 in connection with the candidacy for mayor. The city was in debt and could not get along on its income. The citizens felt that they wanted a business man at the head of affairs,—one who could successfully conduct the business interests of the municipality, and Mr. McDaid was elected by a majority of six hundred although Clinton is an acknowledged Democratic stronghold. That his administration was highly satisfactory is indicated by the statement that in 1900, when he was again the Republican candidate he was elected by a majority of sixteen hundred, receiving three-fourths of the votes cast. During the first three years of his administration city warrants which had sold

as low as seventy-five and eighty cents, were brought up to par. The affairs of the town were conducted so as not to exceed the income, and in the first three years an indebtedness of sixty thousand dollars was discharged, in addition to making a great many permanent improvements. Clinton has every reason for congratulation that a man of Mr. McDaid's business ability and patriotism stands at the head of its affairs. For one year he was chairman of the Republican county central committee.

On the 28th of January, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McDaid and Miss Jennie Dixon, a daughter of J. E. Dixon, of Clinton. The lady is a member of the Episcopal church and Mr. McDaid attends its services and contributes to its support. They have a beautiful residence at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fourth street. Such in brief is the history of one who has not only been the architect of his own fortunes, building wisely and well, but has also exercised a strong and beneficial interest in public life for the assistance of his fellow men and governmental affairs. Starting out in life for himself as a farm hand, working his way steadily upward, evercoming obstacles by determined and honorable effort, guiding and controlling business interests with a firm hand and clear head, improving opportunities and making careful investments, he to-day stands among the most successful and prominent business men in this portion of Iowa. As a public official his record is above reproach. He has been true to the best interests of Clinton, has carefully considered the possibilities for improvement and his labors have redounded to the benefit of the municipality whose welfare is now entrusted to his keeping.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM NICKEL.

Captain William Nickel, who now holds the position of assistant foreman in the Lamb Lumber Yards, at Clinton, is a veteran of the Civil war and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union, and in the paths of peace he has also won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen.

The Captain was born in New York City, February 29, 1836, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Boyd) Nickel, both natives of County Antrim, Ireland, the former born in 1809, the latter in 1803. The mother came to America in 1830, the father two years later, and they were married in New York City in 1834. There Samuel Nickel was employed as whip sawyer in a ship yard until 1839, when he removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, and engaged in contracting for the state for many years. In 1840 he took up his residence in Beverly, Washington county, Ohio, and made his home there throughout the remainder of his life. He died in the fall of 1894, and his wife in the fall of 1886. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, namely: William, our subject; James, a resident of Ohio; Jane, deceased; Samuel, also a resident of the Buckeye state; and Mary, wife of James McCarthy, of Ohio.

The boyhood and youth of Captain Nickel was mainly passed in Ohio, where he attended school until twelve years of age, and then learned the molder's trade, but was obliged to give up that occupation after following it for five years, the dust being injurious to his health. In 1854 he commenced steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, starting in as a deck hand

and working his way upward to the position of mate. He traveled the full length of both rivers many times, and remained on the water for three years.

On the 22nd of August, 1857, Captain Nickel married Miss Phoebe A. Cummings, a daughter of James and Catherine (Pettigrew) Cummings. The father was born in Edinburg, Scotland, in 1812, and came to this country when seventeen years of age. By his first marriage he had three children: Robert, deceased; Phoebe A., wife of our subject; and John, who died in Hartburg, Texas. The mother died when Mrs. Nickel was only two years old, and the father subsequently married Miss Lydia W. Whiton, by whom he has five children, namely: Chancey M., Millie F., Mary W., Francelia and Albert J. Mr. Cummings died in Wheatland, this county, in 1875. He located there about 1853, and improved a farm. Unto Captain and Mrs. Nickel were born three children, of whom Francelia died young. William K., a resident of Clinton, married Elizabeth Dunn, and they have two children, Harold D., and Marion L. Anna May is the wife of Myron H. Adams, a machinist, of Clinton, and they have one child, Phoebe Mildred.

After his marriage Captain Nickel spent one year working on a farm in Sharon township, this county, and then operated a rented farm in the same township for a year. In 1859 he went south, where he worked at anything he could find to do, and subsequently spent six months in Ohio, boring oil wells for a Pittsburg firm.

Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted at Beverly, Ohio, April 23, 1861, for three months, in Company K, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, under command of Captain John Henderson. He

did guard duty in West Virginia, and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, after five months' service. He then returned to Clinton county, Iowa, and rented a farm in Liberty township, but as soon as he had harvested his wheat he again entered the army, leaving his estimable wife to see to the corn and other crops. He enlisted in Company I, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Milo Smith and Captain Edwin A. Wimple. He took part in the Vicksburg campaign, during which he was wounded by a bullet in the left shoulder, May 22, 1863, and was thus disabled for thirty days. He still carries the bullet, however. When he had somewhat recovered from his wound, he rejoined his regiment, and while with Sherman on the march to the sea, he was again wounded at Taylor Ridge, November 28, 1863, this time in the right hand, and was unable to engage in active service for two months. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war, and was there discharged June 6, 1865. He had entered the service as a private, but was promoted from time to time until he became captain of his company, holding every office in succession, except that of first lieutenant, and he returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Captain Nickel then resumed farming near Wheatland, Clinton county, and followed that pursuit until 1867, when he accepted a position as watchman for a lumber company, and in 1868 left there and returned to farming. In 1871 he went to Kansas, and returned to Clinton in June, 1875, and was again employed in the lumber yards for one year. He next accepted a position as patrolman on the police force of the city, which he filled three years and a half, and in 1881 went to

work in the Lamb Lumber Yards, where he is now serving as assistant foreman in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

In his political affiliations Captain Nickel is a staunch Republican, and in religious belief is a Methodist. He is an honored member of General N. B. Baker Post, No. 88, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held all the offices save that of commander, and also belongs to the Lookout Mountain Command Veterans' Union, in which he has served as lieutenant colonel, which office he is now holding.

M. D. LOCKWOOD.

Among the early settlers and prominent farmers of Brookfield township is M. D. Lockwood, who in September, 1852, entered the land from the government where he now resides, and has since been closely identified with the agricultural interests of that part of the county. He was born in Warren county, New York, January 9, 1830, and is a son of David and Martha (Potter) Lockwood. The father was born in Connecticut, and in early life removed to New York, where he made his home for some years, but spent his last days with his children in the west, and died in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1862. By trade he was a tanner and currier. His wife was of English descent. Their children were: Stephen, now deceased, who served as county treasurer and recorder while the county seat was at DeWitt; Henry, also deceased; Hiram, who is now living retired in Maquoketa, Iowa, while his son operates his farm; George, deceased; Marian, Elizabeth, Caroline and Martin D. completes the family.

Our subject, as well as the other children of the family, was reared and educated in the east. As previously stated, he came to this county in 1852, and has since engaged in farming in Brookfield township, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land. He now rents the most of his farm to a gentleman who lives with him.

Mr. Lockwood married Miss Maria Strohm, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel Strohm, who lived for a time in Brookfield township, Clinton county, but died in Maquoketa, Iowa; Mrs. Lockwood died November 11, 1897, leaving one child, Agnes Marie, who resides with her father on the home farm. Our subject always affiliates with the Republican party, and has filled the office of road supervisor, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. Industrious, energetic and enterprising, he has met with well deserved success in his undertakings, and is to-day quite well-to-do. He is one of the prominent men of his community, and is honored and respected by all who know him.

FREMONT WATTS.

One of the most progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Deep Creek township is Fremont Watts, who was born there on the 7th of June, 1862, and is a son of Thomas Watts, who is represented elsewhere in this work. He acquired his early education in the district schools near his boyhood home, and also attended the preparatory school at Fulton, Illinois. He remained under the parental roof, and since his father's death has had charge of the

old homestead. In connection with general farming he is successfully engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of the breeding of short-horn cattle.

Mr. Watts was married, March 13, 1879, to Miss Catherine C. Kilgore, a daughter of David and Esther (Cook) Kilgore, both of whom were natives of Indiana. Her father died in 1861, at the age of thirty-one years, and was buried in Illinois, but her mother still survives and now makes her home in Des Moines, Iowa, she being now the wife of Elijah Stone, by whom she has five children. Mrs. Watts is the youngest of the four children born of the first marriage, the others being Alex, who died young; Alice, deceased; and Elizabeth, wife of Houghton Collins, of Greenville, Indiana. Unto our subject and his wife were born seven children: Milo, who died at the age of fifteen years; Sylvia, Thomas, Ruth, Olive and Archie, all at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts are both members of the Congregational church of Preston, Jackson county, Iowa, and are people of prominence in the community where they reside. He affiliates with the Republican party, and is now efficiently serving as township trustee.

THOMAS B. DANNATT.

One of the most thrifty and substantial citizens of Low Moor is Thomas B. Dannatt, who is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. His early home on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Habrough, Lincolnshire, England, September 29, 1823, his parents being Robert and Maria (Bower) Dannatt, also natives of Lincolnshire. He

was the youngest in their family of nine children, three sons and six daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, with the exception of one daughter.

Mr. Dannatt grew to manhood in his native land, and there learned the butcher business. He was married in Lincolnshire in 1847 to Miss Harriet Burkinshaw, a native of the same shire. In 1856, accompanied by his father and family, he emigrated to the new world and came direct to Clinton county, Iowa, where they joined our subject's brother, John, who had purchased land in Camanche township. The father located in Camanche, where he spent the remainder of his life. Our subject first purchased a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of wild land one mile north of Low Moor, on which a little house, sixteen by twenty-four feet had been erected, and in this he lived while opening up his farm. During the early years of his residence here he experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to frontier life, but he steadily prospered, and is to-day the owner of a valuable farm of nine hundred and sixty acres, besides other property. A man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, his success is due to his own well-directed and energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly justly merited. Purchasing a residence in Low Moor in 1887, he has since lived a retired life at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dannatt are the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living, namely: Robert J., a farmer of Eden township; Fred B., who lives with his parents in Low Moor; Thomas William, a farmer of Eden township; and Walter M., who operates the old home farm. Those of the family now deceased were Emma, who died in Lincolnshire, England, at the age

of four years; Ann E., who died in this country during infancy; and Joseph H., who died February 18, 1889, at the age of thirty-five years, leaving three children.

While residing on the farm Mr. Dannatt operated the nine hundred and sixty acres, raising stock and corn. On moving from the farm he divided it into three farms of one-half section each and placed the needed buildings on each and which he still owns. He has one of the finest residences at Low Moor.

Politically Mr. Dannatt is a staunch Republican, having supported that party ever since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and he has efficiently filled the office of township trustee and school treasurer. His estimable wife is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and while he is not connected with any religious organization, he attends the Methodist and Baptist churches and gives liberally to their support. He is widely and favorably known throughout his adopted county, and well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

D. F. LOCKWOOD.

The agricultural interests of Brookfield township find a worthy representative in this gentleman, who owns and operates an excellent farm of two hundred acres in Brookfield township, his time and attention being devoted to general farming and stock raising. He is a native son of Clinton county and belongs to one of the oldest families of Brookfield township, his parents being Hiram and Harriet (Bently) Lockwood, both natives of New York state. Coming west in 1852, the father entered a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of

government land in Brookfield township, this county, and at once commenced its improvement and cultivation. He successfully engaged in farming here until 1887, when he removed to Maquoketa, Iowa, and is now living a retired life. He is one of the honored pioneers of this county and is well worthy of representation in its history. In his family were three children, of whom our subject is the eldest; Ella M., the second in order of birth, is now the wife of W. H. Hahns, a lumber dealer of Maquoketa; and Edgar, the youngest, died at the age of nineteen years.

Duane F. Lockwood, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Brookfield township, August 27, 1856, and is indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. Since reaching manhood he has engaged in farming, and being industrious, energetic and enterprising, has met with good success. He married Miss Clara M. Dever, of Virginia, a daughter of D. B. Dever, of that state, and to them have been born four children, namely: Blanche E., Corinne, Nora and Opal.

Fraternally Mr. Lockwood is a member of the Woodmen of the World at Elwood, and politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, though he takes no interest in politics aside from voting. His father, however, held all of the local offices in Brookfield township. The family is widely and favorably known.

HEMAN B. SHAFF.

More than sixty-four years have passed since this gentleman came to Clinton county, and he is justly numbered among her honored pioneers and leading citizens. He has

been prominently identified with her agricultural interests, and is to-day one of the wealthiest farmers of Camanche township. He was born in Sodus, Wayne county, New York, on the 12th of March, 1817, and is a son of Joseph and Lucy (Blakely) Shaff, natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. He was the fourth in order of birth in their family of six children, of whom only two are now living. His sister, Teresa, now ninety-three years of age, makes her home with him. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died when our subject was only five years old, leaving six children to the care of the widowed mother. She possessed a large amount of energy and was able to keep her children together until they were old enough to care for themselves.

Mr. Shaff, of this review, grew to manhood in his native state and was educated in its common schools. In September, 1837, at the age of twenty years, he started westward, in company with his mother, brother and two sisters. They had two teams of horses and two wagons, and bringing with them their bedding and cooking utensils they camped out along the way. With the exception of our subject the other members of the family stopped at Lewiston, Fulton county, Illinois, to visit relatives, but in November of that year he crossed the river into Clinton county, Iowa, and selected a claim on section 11, township 80, range 5. He then returned to Illinois for the family, and spent the winter in Rock Island county almost opposite the land he had selected. Building a log house, the family located on his place in the spring of 1838, but the mother was not long permitted to enjoy her new home, as she died a few months later.

When the land came into market, in

1840, Mr. Shaff entered two hundred and forty acres at the land office in Dubuque. As time has passed he has steadily prospered in his farming operations and has added to his property until he and his son now own about fourteen hundred acres of valuable land, of which one thousand acres are under cultivation. He is a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and good business ability, and to these characteristics may be attributed his wonderful success.

In 1840 Mr. Shaff was united in marriage with Miss Mary Russell, who was born in Vermont and came to Iowa with her parents the year of her marriage. By this union were born five children, namely: Lucy, who married G. V. Van Dervere and now deceased; Mary Ann, wife of John Wolfe, of Low Moor; Emeline, who married John Van Devere, and died in 18—; Mina, who died in infancy; and John, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. The mother of these children died in 1856, at the age of fifty-five years, and was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the home place.

In early life Mr. Shaff affiliated with the Democratic party and cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren, but he joined the Republican party on its organization, and has since been one of its staunch supporters. He is to-day the oldest living resident in Camanche township, and probably the oldest in the county, and can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life. When he first located here he was compelled to go to Andover, Henry county, Illinois, to mill, a distance of sixty miles. The fall after his arrival he had no wheat and corn, and was compelled to go to Knox county, Illinois, to purchase it, requiring about a week to make the trip. In 1838 he was unable to cross the river to have his corn

ground, and as he had to pound it in a mortar, the principal sustenance of the family was milk and hominy, instead of milk and mush. His labors as one of the founders of this county justly entitle him to a prominent place in its history, and as a citizen he is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JOHN TATE.

The subject of this sketch, who is familiarly known as Uncle John by his numerous friends throughout Clinton county, is now living in ease and retirement in Low Moor, enjoying a comfortable competence, which he acquired in former years. Like many of our best citizens of the county, he is a native of England, born in Habrough, Lincolnshire, on the 4th of August, 1816. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Corkwell) Tate, the former also a native of Lincolnshire, the latter of Yorkshire. For nearly forty years the father was overseer of a large farm in that country and there he reared his family. About 1857 he joined his sons in America, and spent his last days on a farm in Eden township, this county, with his youngest son, Edward Tate. He died at the advanced age of ninety-three years. In his family were six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity and became heads of families, but only our subject, who was the second in order of birth, and Mrs. Maria Dawson, of Low Moor, are now living.

John Tate grew to manhood in his native county, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he served a six year's apprenticeship. He then started a

shop in Killingholme, which he carried on successfully for a number of years, having in his employ two or three men and apprentices, and doing a large business.

Mr. Tate was married in Lincolnshire, in 1840, to Miss Agnes Hand, also a native of that county, and before leaving there three sons were born to them, namely: Charles, now a farmer of Alberta, British Columbia; Thomas, a resident of Low Moor; and William, bookkeeper for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at State Center. They also have ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In 1852 Mr. Tate emigrated to the United States, taking passage on a sailing vessel, which was ten weeks in crossing the Atlantic from Hull, England, to Quebec, Canada, during which time the ship encountered some severe storms and was driven back some distance. He arrived in Quebec in August, and from that city came west by the lakes to Chicago, and by stage through Rockford and Galena. At the last named place he took a steamer for Camanche, Iowa, where he landed on the 12th of August. He purchased eighty acres in Camanche township, on which he built a nice little cottage, and at once began to improve his place. Later he bought one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land in Eden township, to which he subsequently added a tract of eighty acres and another of forty acres, making a good farm of two hundred and eighty acres in that township. He made many improvements upon this place, and continued to operate the same until 1876, when he turned its management over to his sons and removed to Low Moor, where he bought residence property and has since lived retired.

Since becoming an American citizen, Mr. Tate has always affiliated with the Re-

publican party, and cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, but he has never sought office. He has, however, served as justice of the peace two years, township trustee seven years, and a member of the school board about sixteen years. He and his estimable wife have been active members of the Methodist Episcopal church for thirty or forty years, and are loved and respected by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance. For almost half a century they have been residents of this county, and have therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development. As pioneers and honored citizens of the community they are certainly deserving of prominent mention in its history.

FRANK P. DYER.

The subject of this review, who has spent almost his entire life on his present farm in Brookfield township, was born in Ohio February 6, 1854, and belongs to an old and honored family of this county, his parents being Adam and Frances (Perrill) Dyer. He lost his mother during infancy, and in 1855 was brought to this county by his father, who was from Virginia. Purchasing land in Brookfield township, Adam Dyer devoted his time and attention to the improvement and cultivation of his farm throughout the remainder of his life. His death occurred in July, 1878.

Being the only child born to his parents, Frank P. Dyer inherited his father's property, and now owns the old homestead, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he is carrying on general farming and stock raising with marked success. He was educated in the district schools

of Brookfield township, and is a well-informed man, who thoroughly understands the occupation which he has chosen as a life work. Since attaining his majority he has always affiliated with the Republican party and is an earnest advocate of its principles.

In 1880 Mr. Dyer was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia L. Teeple, and to them were born three children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Perrill, July 28, 1881; Roy, February 6, 1883; and Bruce, October 21, 1887. The oldest died at the age of two years. Mrs. Dyer is a native of Jackson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Calvin and Margaret Curtis (Pratt) Teeple, pioneers of that county. The father was born in Ontario, Canada West, December 1, 1815, and died at the home of our subject August 30, 1899. From his Canadian home he walked to Galena, Illinois, and on the 1st of April, 1837, crossed the river and became a resident of Jackson county, Iowa. He entered government land in South Fork township, on which he made his home for the long period of sixty-two years. He was married February 23, 1847, to Miss Margaret Curtis Pratt, who was born in Essex county, New York, May 18, 1825, and came to Iowa in 1846. They became the parents of eight children, but Byron and Perigrine both died in infancy, and Lyman C. died at the age of four years. Those living are Milton C., a farmer living near Nashville, Iowa; Hyland C., a laborer of Butler county, Iowa; William D., a farmer of that county; Cornelia L., wife of our subject; and Cynthia J., wife of Thomas M. Belknap, a carriage and wagon dealer of Anamosa, Iowa. The mother died November 11, 1896. In 1852 she united with the Baptist church of Maquoketa, and in 1875, when the Christ Reformed church was built

at Buckhorn, she transferred her membership to that congregation, which was nearer her home. Mr. Teeple was also a Baptist in early life, but later united with the Swedenborgian church, in which faith he died. Both were earnest and consistent Christians, and were loved and respected by all who knew them.

CHRISTOPHER BOOTHBY.

Prominent among the citizens of Low Moor who have retired from active business cares is Christopher Boothby, who dates his residence in this county from the 3d of June, 1854. He was born March 2, 1825, in Lincolnshire, England, and there grew to manhood upon a farm, becoming a self-educated as well as a self-made man. He was married in 1846 to Miss Mary Garnus, who was also a native of Lincolnshire.

With the hope of bettering his financial condition in the new world, Mr. Boothby took passage on a sailing vessel—the old *Ross*, that foundered the next voyage—at Hull, and after six weeks and three days spent upon the water he landed in New York, making what was then considered a very quick trip. He experienced one severe storm. On setting foot on American soil, he immediately took up his westward journey and, as previously stated, reached this county on the 3d of June. He stopped first at Old Sterling, where he worked at farm labor or anything which he could find to do. For several years he rented and operated a farm belonging to John Davis, and then bought the old Captain Hubbard farm of two hundred acres, near Deep Creek. This place was very slightly improved and an old house was standing thereon. To the original tract he subsequently added two

hundred and forty acres, and as the years passed he converted the farm into one of the best improved and most desirable places in his locality. As he prospered in his farming operations, he kept adding to his landed possessions, until he now has six hundred and forty acres of valuable land, now operated by his own two sons. Leaving the farm with them he removed to Low Moor in 1890 and has since lived a retired life. Here he owns a good home and is surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living.

Mr. Boothby's first wife died on the farm, in 1885. Of the twelve children born to them, seven still survive, namely: Thomas, a retired citizen of Cherokee, Iowa; George, Robert, John and Martin, who live on a part of the old home farm; Mary, wife of George Monday, of Cherokee county; and Lucy, wife of Wesley Bryant, of the same county.

Mr. Boothby was again married in Clinton, in March, 1890, to Mrs. Sarah A. Fatchett, who was born in Yorkshire, England, but was reared in Lincolnshire. She first gave her hand in marriage to George Fatchett, with whom she came to the United States, and, after living for a time in Missouri, settled in Elvira, Clinton county, Iowa, where Mr. Fatchett owned and operated a farm. There he died, December 25, 1884, leaving seven children, three sons and four daughters, all of whom are now married and heads of families.

By his ballot Mr. Boothby supports the Republican party, his first vote being cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has never cared for office, preferring to give his time to his business interests, though he served six years as supervisor of highways. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but he and his wife are now members of the

Methodist Episcopal church, and live in harmony with their professions. As a business man Mr. Boothby is upright and honorable. Beginning life in the new world with no capital except that acquired by his own industry, his success is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts, and his career has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOHN SHAFF.

John Shaff, one of the most influential citizens and successful farmers of Camanche township, has spent his entire life in this county, his birth occurring September 4, 1851, on the farm where he still resides. He is a son of Heman B. Shaff, who is represented elsewhere in this work. Our subject passed his boyhood and youth upon the old homestead, and acquired his early education in the district schools near his home, later attending the State Normal School at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

As soon as old enough to be of any assistance Mr. Shaff commenced to aid his father in the operation of the farm, and has since followed the vocation of farming. In business affairs he is prompt, energetic and notably reliable, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has, therefore, prospered, and in connection with his father now owns about fourteen hundred acres of fine farming land, one thousand acres of which is under a high state of cultivation. He has always made his home in the locality where he now resides, and it has been the scene of his labors.

Mr. Shaff, a veteran of the Civil war,

was married June 11, 1873, to Miss Jennie Dripps, a resident of Folletts. They have become the parents of five children: Mary, who was graduated at the Clinton high school and is now the wife of R. H. Adams, a resident of that place; Robert, deceased; John O., who also attended the Clinton high school, and is now a student at the Agricultural College in Ames, Iowa; Heman, at home; and Walter, deceased.

In his social relations Mr. Shaff is a member of Camanche Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and in politics is identified with the Republican party. Like his father, he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life, and has a host of friends throughout the county.

SAMUEL STEMPLE.

For over a third of a century this gentleman was one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of Orange township. He was born in Preston county, Virginia, on the 16th of September, 1826, and was a son of Daniel and Susan (Smith) Stemple, the former also a native of the Old Dominion, and the latter of Ohio. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died at his old home in Virginia, and his widow, who survived him some years, passed away in Ohio.

Our subject spent his early life in his native state, and in 1857 came to Iowa, locating near Davenport. There he was married June 7, 1860, to Miss Mary M. Bontrager, who still survives him, and to them were born the following children: (1) John is now a farmer of Osage, Minnesota. (2) Louis is married and lives in

Oklahoma. He has one son, William Edward. (3) William owns and operates a farm in Calhoun county, Iowa. (4) Harry, who operates the old home farm, married Annie Fansin, a daughter of Ferdinand and Henrietta (Meyer) Fansin. Her mother died about five years ago, but her father is still living. He was an old settler and prominent farmer of Scott county, but for the past twelve years has made his home in Orange township, Clinton county, where he continues to engage in farming. Harry Stemple and wife have two children, Myrtle and Etta. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Grand Mound. (5) Margaret is the wife of A. L. Campbell, of Berlin township, and they have six children,—Mary, William, Samuel, Earle, Susan and Dewey. (6) Effie is the wife of William Keith, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Berlin township, and they have three children,—Ollie, LeRoy and Mary M. (7) Gertrude is the wife of Henry Ault, by whom she has one child,—Thelma,—and they reside with her brother William in Calhoun county, Iowa. (8) Emily and (9) Mary are both at home with their mother.

Mr. Stemple continued his residence in Scott county until 1866, when he removed to Clinton county and located in Orange township, where he bought property and continued to make his home until his death. At that time he owned one hundred and twenty acres of rich farm land on sections 1 and 12, his home being located on the latter section. There he died on the 8th of April, 1901, after a long illness. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and neighbors for his honesty and integrity in all his dealings. He was a con-

sistent and faithful member of the Methodist church, and his life has ever been in harmony with his professions. As a citizen he was true to every trust reposed in him, and capably filled several local offices.

HON. THOMAS WATTS.

Only those lives are worthy of record that have been potential-factors in the public progress in promoting the general welfare or advancing the educational or moral interests of the community. Mr. Watts was ever faithful to his duties of citizenship and took a very active and influential part in public affairs. He was also prominently identified with the growth and development of the county, have located here in 1838.

A native of Vermont, Mr. Watts was born in Peacham, Caledonia county, November 7, 1816, and is a son of Thomas Watts, who was born in New Hampshire, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Moses Watts, was a native of Scotland, and during the religious wars of that country went to Ireland, and later came to America, locating in Londonderry, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, at the same time the famous Greely and Casey families settled there. There he married Ruth Highland, also a native of Scotland, and they made their home on a farm near Londonderry until the father of our subject was a lad of ten years, when they removed to Caledonia county, Vermont. The grandparents both died there at an advanced age.

On reaching man's estate, Thomas Watts, the father of our subject, was united in marriage with Miss Jane Bailey, who was a native of the Green Mountain state, and a representative of a good old Puritan family.

Of the ten children born of this union, our subject was the fourth in order of birth. The mother died in her native county in 1832, when about forty-five years of age, and the father subsequently married Mrs. Samson, nee Bailey, a sister of his first wife. Unto them were born four children. Coming west in 1861, the father located near Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1876, at the age of eighty years.

Being naturally a bright boy and possessing a mathematical turn of mind, our subject early acquired a good education, and by constant reading and close application in later years, he became a well-informed man. When quite young he studied surveying, and at the age of nineteen years started out in life for himself. Believing that the west offered more advantages to an ambitious young man than the older states of the east, he came to Iowa at that time, by way of Detroit and Chicago. He first located, however, near Peoria, Illinois, where he took up a government claim, and afterward entered the land, which he at once began to improve and cultivate, first erecting thereon a house.

Having no family and hoping still further to benefit his financial condition, Mr. Watts came to Clinton county, Iowa, April 15, 1838, and took up his residence in Deep Creek township. Several years later he disposed of his real estate in Illinois, and invested in this county. On his arrival here there were only six men residing in Deep Creek township. He squatted upon one hundred and sixty acres of government land which he entered when it came into market and which continued to be his home throughout life. He surveyed the principal roads which now cross the county, and the road running from Bloomfield to Lyons was laid

out by him, it being changed but little from the original survey. He was familiar with all the boundary lines throughout the county, and was very closely identified with its early development. In his farming operations Mr. Watts was eminently successful, and besides his fine farm in Deep Creek township, he and his son owned four hundred acres of land in Clay county, Iowa, which they improved and converted into good stock farms, which since his death have been disposed of. He also carried on stock-raising quite extensively in this county for many years, but during the latter part of his life lived retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

On the 8th of January, 1844, in Deep Creek township, Mr. Watts was united in marriage with Miss Emeline Hunter, who was born in Cortland county, New York, June 9, 1817. Her parents, Robert and Eliza (Jones) Hunter, were natives of the same state, and of New England ancestry. Her grandfather was an officer in the Revolutionary war. When about twenty-six years of age she accompanied the family on their removal to this county. Her parents made their home in Deep Creek township throughout the remainder of their lives, the father being engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died about 1860, and his wife a few years previous.

Mrs. Watts, who was an active and consistent member of the Congregational church, died December 15, 1869, and her death was deeply mourned, not only by her immediate family, but by many friends. She was a loving wife, a kind mother, a generous neighbor, and a true and earnest Christian woman. She was the mother of ten children, six of whom are still living, namely: Isaac, a farmer of Marshall county, Iowa, now deceased; Thomas, who mar-

ried Martha Wells, and is also engaged in farming in that county; Jennie, wife of Andrew Howatt, a practicing attorney of Salt Lake; May, wife of Edward Hull, of Clay county, Iowa; Emma, wife of William Gilmore, of Clay county; and Fremont, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Those of the family now deceased are Eliza, Lambert, Robert, Isaac, and one who died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Watts departed this life on the 4th of December, 1894, and was laid to rest in the Deep Creek Valley cemetery. He, too, was a member of the Congregational church, and was a supporter of the Republican party. As one of the most popular and influential citizens of his community, he was elected to several public positions of honor and trust, being a member of the general assembly during the session of 1858-9, which was the first Republican legislature of the state. He was elected to that office by a large majority, and was a member of the committee on constitutional amendment and on elections. He was one of the first to serve as county supervisor in this county, which office he filled for four years, and also acted as local surveyor for over thirty years. For two terms he was township supervisor, and held all the other local offices in the township where he made his home. As a citizen of the community in which he so long lived and was so active, Mr. Watts was highly respected, enjoyed the confidence of his neighbors, and was regarded as a man of excellent business judgment.

JOHN COOK.

Classed among the self-made men and highly esteemed citizens of Brookfield township is John Cook, who was born in Lan-

caster county, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1853. His parents, Marshall and Magdalena (Housell) Cook, were natives of Germany, and on their emigration to the United States, in 1852, located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where the father worked at the mason's trade for two years. He then came west, and entered land in Sharon township, this county. In connection with the operation of his farm he worked at the mason and plasterer's trade throughout the northern part of the county. He died in December, 1872, and his wife departed this life in September, 1895. They were the parents of seven children, namely: John, our subject; Naomi, widow of Charles Pithan, and a resident of Lost Nation; Albert, who is represented on another page of this volume; Rosan, wife of Nick Ales, a farmer of Sharon township; Marion, who died at the age of fourteen years; Christ, a farmer of Sharon township; and Amelia, wife of Wheeler Swan, a farmer of the same township.

John Cook accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and here he was reared to manhood, his education being acquired in its common schools. In 1880 he led to the marriage altar Miss Mary Keil, a native of Elgin, Illinois, and a daughter of Frederick and Frederika Keil, both now deceased. By occupation the father was a farmer and butcher. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have three children, namely: Marshall, born in 1883; Emma, born in 1885; and Simon, born in 1886.

After his marriage Mr. Cook took up his residence on a farm on sections eleven and twelve, Sharon township, and resided there until January, 1892, when he removed to his present farm in Brookfield township, known as the M. C. Finton place. It is a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on sec-

tion eleven, and is well improved and highly cultivated. Mr. Cook carries on general farming and stock-raising, and is meeting with well-deserved success. He started out in life for himself empty-handed, and the prosperity that he has achieved is due to his own unaided efforts. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and socially is a member with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 33, of Maquoketa.

WILLIAM BLIEDORN.

William Bliedorn, a well-known general merchant and postmaster of Bliedorn Station, Berlin township, is a native of Clinton county, born in Orange township, on the 27th of January, 1873, and is a son of Martin and Julia (Wulf) Bliedorn. The father was born in Holstein, Germany, and was twenty-two years of age when, in 1864, he came to the United States and located at Grand Mound, Clinton county, Iowa, where he followed the carpenter's trade for about a year. He then engaged in farming in Orange township for nine years, and at the end of that period removed to Berlin township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section fourteen. He erected most of the buildings upon that place and made many other improvements, so that he had one of the model farms of that locality. There he engaged in general farming and stock-raising with good success throughout the remainder of his life. His death occurred March 25, 1901. He was a supporter of the Bliedorn Lutheran church, which was built upon a part of his farm, he having donated one acre of ground for the churchyard. In politics he was independent, but usually voted the Republi-

can ticket, and he filled the offices of school director some years and road commissioner several terms. Fraternally he was a charter member of Grand Mound Lodge, No. 214, K. of P., and also belonged to the Modern Brotherhood of America at the time of his death. Public-spirited and progressive, he advocated all measures that tended to advance or improve the community in which he lived, and he was recognized as one of its most valued and useful citizens. Mrs. Bliedorn, who was a devoted wife and loving mother, died in 1892. In their family were four children, of whom three are still living, namely: (1) Augusta is the wife of Henry P. Blunk, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Berlin township, and they have four children, Magnus, Walter, Reinhardt and Carl. (2) William, our subject, is next in order of birth. (3) John is engaged in farming in Berlin township.

Mr. Bliedorn, of this review, grew to manhood upon his father's farm, and was married, November 16, 1895, to Miss Alvina Schunter, a daughter of Christian Schunter, of Welton township, this county. She died on the 8th of May, 1899, and he was again married, March 25, 1901, his second union being with Miss Hannah Walker, a daughter of Peter and Emma (Nienaber) Walker. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, died May 7, 1900, but her mother is still living, and now resides in Nobles county, Minnesota. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom are still living. The father of our subject was killed by a train of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad the same day he was married.

In 1898 Mr. Bliedorn was appointed the first postmaster at Bliedorn Station, he having secured the postoffice at that location,

which was named in his honor, and embarked in general merchandising, erecting a store building on the southeast corner of the homestead farm. Here he has since successfully engaged in business, having built up a good trade, which is constantly increasing. He is a wide-awake, energetic young business man, and is highly respected by all who know him. He served one term as road commissioner in Berlin township. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church, and socially is connected with Grand Mound Lodge, No. 214, K. of P.

WALSH BROTHERS.

A family history perhaps unequaled in the annals of this country is that of the Walsh brothers, where six sons have embraced the same profession—that of the law—and are associated in practice in a single partnership. The eldest forty-one years of age, the youngest twenty-three, they are all men of strong mental caliber, differing, perhaps, in those characteristics which constitute individuality, yet alike in strong purpose, in laudable ambition, determination and energy, and it is these qualities which have won them continued advancement, making the firm known to fame until the members are not only prominent in professional circles in Clinton, but have also won distinction at the bar of Chicago, in which city they also maintain an office.

The father, A. Walsh, was engaged in farming for a number of years near Low-Moor, Iowa, moving to that place from the city of Davenport. Realizing the value of education as a preparation for the responsible duties of life, he resolved that his sons should have good opportunities in that di-



E. C. WALSH.



MARK A. WALSH.



JAMES W. WALSH.



A. WALSH.



CHARLES H. WALSH.



ALFRED E. WALSH.



EUGENE J. WALSH.

rection, and accordingly he came with his family to Clinton in 1867. All are graduates of the Clinton high school, and after completing the course in that institution entered the Iowa State University, at Iowa City. They are western men by birth, training and preference, imbued with the true western spirit of progress and enterprise, and Iowa may well be proud to number them among her native sons.

Edmund C. Walsh, the senior member of the firm, was born in Davenport, October 13, 1859, but during his early youth was taken by his parents to the farm, and in 1867 came with his family to Clinton, where in 1879 he completed the high school course. He then matriculated in the State University, in which he was graduated in 1881. Determining to make the practice of law his life work, he early enjoyed the instruction and benefited by the experience of the Hon. A. R. Cotton, one of the most distinguished lawyers of the state, now equally prominent as a member of the profession in San Francisco, California. It soon became evident to him that close application and hard labor, together with an upright life, were the elements which form the foundation of success for every lawyer, and throughout his career he has been a thorough student, preparing each case with the greatest care and precision and entering upon the trial well equipped for the forensic combat. When his preceptor and associate, Mr. Cotton, removed to California, he very naturally became his successor, for he had demonstrated his ability to successfully cope with the intricate problems of jurisprudence, and his devotion to his clients' interests was then, as now, proverbial. For several years he conducted the largest legal business of any of the attorneys in Clinton county.

As his brothers prepared for the bar they

were taken one by one into the firm, which is now well known in all parts of the state, having in hand important litigated interests in the United States district and circuit courts and the court of appeals, as well as in the state, district and supreme courts. Unlike the great majority of attorneys, he does not confine his readings to the law alone, but is a man of broad and liberal education and is well versed in what the supreme courts of the various states have to say on any proposition he has under consideration, as well as what is said by the supreme court of Iowa. He has made the common law of England, as also the civil law of Rome, contribute to his success, and says that only in those two fields can a man work for the real science of law; and that without a true knowledge of the science of the law no man can be a truly great lawyer and be prepared for all emergencies, for it is his idea that a lawyer should always be able to reason out and tell why the law of the case should be as he claims it to be, rather than to be able to cite the decisions of some court in his favor, although he never neglects to cite cases also. He is still a young man, yet has already won a position of distinction that also promises still greater advancement.

Edmund C. Walsh, however, has been by no means a lawyer alone. He is a financier and a capable director of extensive business concerns and his interests are varied and important. Early in his professional career he established the match factory plant on North Second street, in Clinton. His quick perception caused him to embrace new ideas in the manufacture of matches, and he soon had control of valuable patents and was making matters so interesting for the Diamond Match Company that after a year's operation they offered a handsome figure for the plants and patents, which were accordingly turned

over to them. The same year he became interested in electric lighting. Clinton at that time had no plant and Mr. Walsh secured the franchise for lighting the city, which was sold to the General Electric Light Company and by them resold a few years later to the Clinton Gas Company. In 1891 he organized the State Electric Light Company for the purpose of building and equipping an electric railway in Clinton. There was then a horse railway running between Clinton and Lyons, operated by a man of immense wealth who resisted the entrance of the new company, but finally after the latter had laid its tracks on the principal streets and showed that it was determined to carry forward its works the old company sold out to the new company, which has laid twelve miles of track in the city and is in splendid working operation.

About this time Clinton commenced to enjoy an era of building prosperity seldom seen in any Iowa town. Mr. Walsh was quick to recognize his opportunity and organized companies that purchased large tracts of land near the city and personally secured options on a large proportion of the most desirable property. On his investments he realized handsome profits. In 1892 he transferred his attention to the city of Burlington, organized the Burlington Electric Light Company and soon secured the contract for lighting the city. This was followed by the organization of the Burlington Gas Company, the purchase of the stock of the Burlington Street Railway Company, the organization of the Burlington Improvement Company and the Burlington Steam Heating Company, all of which are now being consolidated into the Burlington Railway & Light Company, with a capital stock of one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. All of the plants, with

the exception of the street railway, were newly built and equipped, involving an expenditure of over four hundred thousand dollars, and are now in successful operation under the management of C. H. Walsh.

In the winter of 1895-6 Edmund Walsh and his brothers turned their energies to Davenport, and in the spring of the latter year secured from the council a franchise for gas, electric light and steam-heating plants, together with a city contract for twenty-five years. Later the purchase of the old gas and electric light plants was effected. Over one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars was spent by the firm in 1896 in putting in steam-heating pipes, extending and enlarging the gas mains, and equipping the electric light plant in Davenport. The plant in Davenport is under the personal management of J. W. Walsh.

The field of labor of the firm has not been confined alone to Iowa, but has extended to other states and included the organization of the Pioneer Paving Brick Company, of Galesburg, Illinois, now doing an extensive business. The firm is also interested in the American Mining Company, of which E. C. Walsh is president. Other enterprises with which they are financially associated are the Clinton Woodenware & Match Company, Clinton Land Company, Woodland Land Company, Eyer Land Company, Commercial Land Company, Pleasant Valley Land Company, State Electric Company, J. P. Calnan Construction Company, Burlington Electric Railway Company, Burlington Gas Company, Burlington Steam Heating Company, Burlington Improvement Company, Burlington Railway & Light Company and the Davenport Consolidated Gas & Steam Heating Company, their total capital in these different concerns amounting to three and a half million dollars.

The Walsh Brothers have been so closely associated in professional and industrial life that the history of one is almost the history of the other, although each has his own part to perform in the management of their extensive interests. Mark A. Walsh, the second member of the firm, was born in Clinton county, March 31, 1867, and completed his law course in the State University of Iowa with the class of 1889, in which year he was admitted to practice before the United States court of this state. Later he was admitted to the Illinois courts and his time is now devoted almost entirely to corporation law, of which department of the science of jurisprudence he has made a comprehensive study, and is therefore well informed concerning the law applicable to the business of extensive concerns.

James W. Walsh, who was born in Clinton, December 17, 1868, completed the high school course in June, 1887, and the law course in 1889; Charles H. Walsh, born March 4, 1871, was graduated in the Clinton high school, in June, 1890, afterward attended the Iowa State University and was later admitted to the bar. Alfred E. Walsh, born January 24, 1874, completed the high school course in June, 1892, and four years later was a graduate of the law department of the State University in 1896, and in October, 1899, was admitted to practice in the courts of Illinois. Eugene J. Walsh, born April 17, 1878, is a graduate of the Clinton high school of June, 1896, and of the law department of the State University in 1900. The business of the firm has constantly increased in volume and importance as the years have gone by. They represent the local interests of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; the Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern Railway Company; the Postal Telegraph

Company; the American Express and the Western Union Telegraph Company and many large commercial corporations in Iowa and Chicago. Law offices are maintained both in Clinton and Chicago, and their time is now mostly devoted to corporation law and to practice in the supreme and federal courts.

The brothers have all traveled extensively at home and abroad and are all entertaining writers and speakers. Of social natures they are welcome additions to social gatherings yet do not devote much of their time to society. However, they are enrolled as members of many prominent clubs and fraternities and easily win friends among their representatives. Strong mentality, keen discernment, a genius for organization for executive control and for earnest indefatigable efforts, these are among the leading characteristics of the Walsh Brothers, constituting one of the most unique as well as one of the strongest law firms in the Mississippi valley.

R. J. CARLAT.

Among the leading citizens and representative farmers of Brookfield township is numbered R. J. Carlat, who resides on section thirteen. He was born in Perryville, Missouri, September 3, 1857, and is a son of Claud Carlat, whose birth occurred in Paris, France. In that country the father grew to manhood and married. Early in the year 1842 he came to the United States, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in what is now the central part of St. Louis, Missouri, which property is still held by his heirs, although the deed to the same has been stolen. From 1860 until 1872 he made his home near Muscatine, Iowa,

where he owned a quarter section of land, and then sold that tract and located upon his son's farm near Kansas City, Missouri, where the following seven years were passed. He next resided with his son Louis at Blue Springs, Missouri, where he died February 22, 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, eight months and eight days, his remains being interred there. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church, and a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He was twice married, and by the first union had four children: John, who wedded Mary Heineman and died in Denison, Texas, in the summer of 1899; Eugene, who married Cassie Heineman, a sister of his brother's wife, and is now conducting an undertaking establishment and shoe store in Kansas City; Charles, a liveryman of Chicago; and Lizzie, wife of Dr. Staley, of Texas. For his second wife the father wedded Miss Mary Ohlstance, also a native of France, who is now living with her son Louis. By this union there were six children, namely: Julius, who wedded Margaret McBride and follows farming near Topeka, Kansas; Louis, who married Mary Heineman and resides in Blue Springs, Missouri; R. J., our subject; Mary, widow of James McBride, and a resident of Le Summit, Missouri; Sistene, wife of John Barrett, who lives near Topeka, Kansas; and Alpha, who married and resides in Le Summit, Missouri.

During his boyhood R. J. Carlat had but limited educational advantages. He attended school in Muscatine for a short time, but his services were needed at home, and at the age of fourteen he started out in life for himself by working in a livery stable in St. Louis for four months. When his employer removed to Memphis, Tennessee, he

accompanied him, remaining with him some time. Later he was conductor on a street car in that city until the summer of 1877, when the yellow fever was raging there. He went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he remained during harvest, and in the fall of 1877 came to Clinton county, Iowa, working as a farm hand by the month in Brookfield township for two years.

On the 14th of December, 1879, in Delmar, he married Miss Phoebe Crouch, who was born in Noble county, Ohio, May 4, 1858. Her father, Ebenezer Crouch, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, June 17, 1825, and in that state married Miss Sarah Sutton, who was born February 23, 1826, in Fayette, Pennsylvania, near the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains. Mrs. Crouch was a daughter of James and Martha (Thompson) Sutton, the former born in Scotland, in 1801, the latter in Pennsylvania in 1804. Their marriage was celebrated in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. For about sixteen years they made their home in Morgan county, Ohio, and from there removed to Uniontown, that state. In 1851 they came to Iowa, and Mr. Sutton bought over three hundred and forty acres of heavily timbered land on the north fork of the Maquoketa river in Jackson county, where he made his home until called to his final rest April 15, 1879. His wife died October 6, 1892, and both were buried in Sutton cemetery, which he donated to his township. They had twelve children, namely: Tacey, wife of Washington Teeters, who lives on a part of the old homestead near Fulton, Iowa; Susan, widow of William Tremble and a resident of Fairfield, Iowa; Sarah, mother of Mrs. Carlat; Samuel, who married Sarah Fritchcraft and died near Fulton in January, 1900; Eliza, deceased wife of Samuel Ernest, of Keith's, Ohio; Robert

and Edward, who both died in Pennsylvania during infancy; William, who married Annie Roush and died on the old homestead where his widow now resides; James, who died near St. Louis while in the service of his country during the Civil war; Harvey, who wedded Mary A. Hawkins and died in Maquoketa in 1869; Isaac, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-five years; and Martha, wife of John S. Thompson, who lives near Fulton, Iowa. On the 10th of October, 1860, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch joined her parents in Jackson county, Iowa, and he engaged in farming upon rented land until 1865, when he bought eighty acres in Bloomfield township, Clinton county. This was his home until the spring of 1894, when he retired from active labor and removed to Delmar. Selling his farm, he purchased six acres in the village, which he has since laid off in town lots. Politically he is a Republican, and religiously both he and his estimable wife are members of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Unto them were born four children, namely: Martha, who married Jacob Teeters and died in Jackson county, December 26, 1877; Phoebe, wife of our subject; Harriet, wife of John Burgoyne, of Delmar; and Sarah M., who is the widow of George Scott and resides on a farm in Bloomfield township, Clinton county. Mr. and Mrs. Carlat have two children: Corine, born September 17, 1880; and Pearl May, born August 30, 1886.

After his marriage Mr. Carlat continued to work by the month for two years, and then rented Marsh Fenton's farm one year. During the succeeding six years he rented the Marvin Finton farm, and then spent five years on the William Gillett farm near Preston. At the end of that period he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section thirteen, Brookfield town-

ship, this county, and has since made a number of improvements upon the place. He raises Poland-China hogs, and buys and feeds a high grade of cattle and horses for market. He is what the world terms a self-made man, for his success is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts. He is industrious, energetic and progressive, and well merits the prosperity which he has achieved. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and socially affiliates with Camp No. 4119, M. W. A., of Elwood.

JOHN W. WOLFE.

John W. Wolfe, a well-known general merchant of Low Moor, is a man whose sound common sense and vigorous, able management of his affairs have been important factors in his success, and with his undoubted integrity of character have given him an honorable position among his fellow men. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Greene county, on the 26th of November, 1841, and is a son of Andrew J. Wolfe, whose birth occurred at the same place. His paternal grandfather, Christopher Wolfe, was of German ancestry. On reaching manhood Andrew J. Wolfe married Miss Lydia Riley, who was also a native of the Keystone state. He followed farming in Greene county until 1852, when he came to Iowa and purchased land in Scott county, which he operated some years. He then removed to Camanche, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in March, 1870. His wife survived him a number of years, dying in 1890, and both were laid to rest in Camanche cemetery.

Our subject grew to manhood on the

home farm in Scott county, and as soon as large enough commenced to aid in its cultivation. When the Civil war broke out he manifested his loyalty by enlisting in 1862 in Company K, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the Thirteenth Army Corps, assigned to southwestern Mississippi. He participated in a number of engagements, the first being that of Prairie Grove, Arkansas. He assisted in the siege and capture of Vicksburg and also helped to take Fort Blakely. The war having ended and his services being no longer needed, he was honorably discharged at Clinton, Iowa, in August, 1865, and returned home.

For some time Mr. Wolfe assisted in carrying on the farm, and later purchased the place, which he operated for twenty-five years. Renting it in 1890, he removed to Clinton in order to give his children better educational advantages, and spent five years in that city. He then came to Low Moor and bought out a general store, since which time he has devoted his entire time and attention to mercantile pursuits. He carries a well-selected stock, and by fair and honorable dealing has built up a good trade, being one of the most successful business men of the village. Mr. Wolfe still owns a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Camanche township, and also built a good home while in Clinton, which he still owns.

On the 14th of November, 1867, in Clinton county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wolfe and Miss Mary A. Shaff, a daughter of Heman Shaff, who was one of the first settlers of the county, as well as one of the substantial citizens, having located here in 1837. Mrs. Wolfe was born, reared and educated in this county. Our subject and his wife have three children: Charles A., who is married and is now en-

gaged in business with his father in Low Moor; Lydia E., wife of Albert Hudson, of the same place; and Lucella, wife of William Brown, of Miles, Iowa. There was also another son, who died in early childhood.

Politically Mr. Wolfe has been a lifelong Republican, and has never failed to support that party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln while in the army in 1864, but he has never cared for official honors. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Low Moor, and stand high socially, as they have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances among the best people of the village.

J. D. LEINBAUGH.

Among the prominent and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Brookfield township is numbered J. D. Leinbaugh, who is a native of Iowa, born in Maquoketa, Jackson county, September 27, 1859. His parents, Adam and Elizabeth (Fisher) Leinbaugh, were both natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and on coming west, in 1856, located in Maquoketa, where the father first worked at his trade of carpenter and later engaged in teaming. He subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits upon a farm in Jackson county for three years, and then removed to another farm near Elwood, Clinton county, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies until 1883. He has since made his home in Elwood, and is now living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest. His estimable wife died on the 28th of March, 1900. They were the parents of eleven children, nine sons and two daugh-

ters, most of whom are living in this county, and all were educated in its common schools.

J. D. Leinbaugh grew to manhood upon the home farm and was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Wirth, a native of Orange township, Clinton county, and a daughter of John Wirth, who is now engaged in farming in Brookfield township. By this union have been born two children: Alvin and Agnes. For one year after his marriage Mr. Leinbaugh remained on the old home farm and then removed to his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section thirty-two, Brookfield township, which was known as the Lewisfield place. In connection with general farming he is engaged in the raising and breeding of stock, and is meeting with good success in his business affairs. In early life he was a Republican in politics, but now supports the Democratic party. He has filled several local offices, including those of school director and road supervisor, and he served in the latter capacity twelve years. Socially he is a member of the Mystic Workers of the World at Lost Nation. He is one of the leading citizens of his community and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

THEODORE BROCKMAN.

The subject of this personal narrative is one of the most successful and progressive farmers within the borders of Berlin township, his home being on section twenty-five. He has made his special field of industry an eminent success, and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

Mr. Brockman was born in Holstein,

Shanafeld, Germany, April 24, 1842, a son of Henry and Annie (Agars) Brockman, who were also natives of Holstein. The father was a mason by trade and followed that occupation throughout his active business life. He died in Germany, March 30, 1850, at the age of thirty-eight years, and his widow subsequently came to the United States with our subject. Her death occurred in Davenport, Iowa, on the 29th of May, 1887, when she was seventy-four years of age. They had three sons: John D., now a retired merchant of Davenport; Theodore, our subject; and Henry, a commission merchant of Davenport. Our subject's brothers came to this country some years before he crossed the Atlantic. Both are married and have families.

It was on the 30th of May, 1867, that Theodore Brockman and his mother landed on the shore of the new world. They proceeded at once to Davenport, and for four years our subject engaged in farming in Scott county. In 1872 he came to Clinton county and rented a farm in the central part of Berlin township, which he operated for three years, and in 1877 purchased eighty acres of land on section twenty-five, where he now resides. To this property he has since added from time to time until he now has two hundred and seventy-eight acres of rich farming land on sections twenty-five and twenty-six, on which he has erected a commodious and pleasant residence, large barns and other buildings, making it one of the best farms of the township. He has engaged in general farming and stock raising, but at present his farm is mainly carried on by his youngest son, though he still has an oversight of the entire property, and takes great pride in scientific farming, using the best and most improved machinery. Everything about his

place shows evidence of a man who believes in having a place for everything and everything in its place. The lawn which surrounds the pleasant home is well shaded by large trees, which add greatly to the beauty of the place. Being industrious, persevering and economical, he has met with excellent success, and has accumulated a fine property, his farm being one of the model places of the locality.

Mr. Brockman was married, December 2, 1868, to Miss Louisa Rock, a native of Waldock-Harbsen, Germany, who came to America when about twenty-six years of age, her father having died in Germany, her mother and brother Ludwig following her one year later. The mother died in Scott county, Iowa, at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Brockman are the parents of five children, the two eldest born in Scott county, the others in Clinton county. In order of birth they are as follows: Annie resides at home. Minnie married Martin Copenhafer, a prominent farmer now living in Montana, and died at the home in Berlin township, this county, in 1898, leaving one child, Elmer, who resides with our subject. Louisa is the wife of William Shween, who owns and operates one hundred and twenty acres of land in Welton township, this county. Henry is a farmer of Brown county, Minnesota. Christian, now twenty-one years of age, is carrying on the home farm.

Mr. Brockman has served as school director a great many years, and has also filled the office of road supervisor, but he has never sought public office nor taken an active part in politics, though he is deeply interested in public affairs, and does all in his power to advance the welfare of his township and county. He is a man of

influence in his community, and his advice is often sought by his neighbors and many friends.

WILLIAM C. HOHN.

William C. Hohn, who is now president of the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery Company at Lost Nation, is a native of Clinton county. He was born on a farm near Grand Mound, December 26, 1867, and is a son of Carl and Mary (Kahler) Hohn, who were born, reared and married in Germany, and came to America about 1865. Deciding to make Clinton county their home, they settled on a farm north of Grand Mound, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1873, and then removed to Brookfield township, where he was successfully engaged in farming for many years, but his last days were spent in retirement from active labor. He died in 1897, and his wife passed away in 1896. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, of whom four are still living, namely: Charles C., who married Kate Adrian and follows farming in Brookfield township; William C., our subject; Sophia, wife of Nicholas Johnson, a farmer of South Dakota; and Henry, who married Lena Kettleson and lives in Berlin township, this county. All of the children received good common school educations.

On starting out in life for himself William C. Hohn was employed in a lumber yard in Lost Nation until the time of his marriage, and then returned to the farm. He has met with excellent success in his farming operations, and is now the owner of two hundred and twenty-eight acres of land in Sharon and Brookfield townships.

which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. He gives considerable attention to stock raising, and is now president of the Percheron Horse Company. The first year after his marriage he rented one hundred and fifteen acres of well improved land. The second year he bought one hundred and ten acres of improved land on section 25, Sharon township, and one year later one hundred and eighteen acres.

In 1891 Mr. Hohn married Miss Emma Mohr, a daughter of Hans Mohr, of Sharon township, and they now have five children: Ella, born December 23, 1891, Harvey, June 4, 1894, Elmer, November 5, 1895, Erma, May 1, 1898, and Arnold, July 12, 1899. As a Democrat Mr. Hohn takes quite an active interest in political affairs. He gives his support to all worthy enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit. The creamery company was organized in 1901, and he has been its president since it was started. It is run on the co-operative plan. He is a director of the Fire and Lightning Insurance Company of Grand Mound. Socially he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers of the World at Lost Nation.

JOHN CRAMPTON.

Classed among the successful and enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Eden township is John Crampton, who is the owner of a well-improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section sixteen. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, November 3, 1839, a son of William and Mary (Smith) Crampton, who were natives of the same shire and continued to make their home there until after the birth

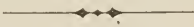
of all their children. It was in 1852 that the family emigrated to America, crossing the ocean from Hull to New York on a sailing vessel, which made the voyage in little over four weeks. Arriving in this country in the spring of that year, they came at once to Clinton county, Iowa, and the father had purchased forty acres of land near Elvira, in Eden township, through Mr. Dannatt. After building a small house for the accommodation of his family, he set to work to break the land with ox teams, while his sons worked out. He broke many acres of wild land, and as he prospered in his new home he added to his landed possessions until he had over a section of land which was well improved with good buildings. At his death he was one of the most thrifty and prosperous farmers of his locality.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of twelve years when he came to this county, and he assisted in opening up and carrying on the home place, giving his father the benefit of his labors until twenty-five years of age. In March, 1865, he was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte Warren, who was also born in Lincolnshire, England, and there spent her girlhood. By this union seven children were born who are still living, namely: George, a farmer of Eden township; Charles, a farmer of DeWitt township; David, who is engaged in farming with George; and Walter, Fred, Anna and Clara, all at home. John died in 1901 at the age of twenty-eight years; and Minnie married Arthur Wall and died in May, 1901; and two died in infancy.

For about a year after his marriage Mr. Crampton remained on the old homestead, and then removed to the farm where he now resides, owning at that time one hundred and twenty acres, but he has since extended the boundaries of the farm until they now

contain three hundred and twenty acres, upon which he has built a commodious house and barn, together with other buildings, and has also set out fruit, shade and ornamental trees. In connection with the operation of his farm, Mr. Crampton is engaged in breeding and raising thoroughbred Hereford cattle, of which he now has a fine herd of eighty, and he feeds about two car-loads of stock for market each year. He is a progressive and up-to-date farmer, and is meeting with marked success in his labors.

Politically Mr. Crampton is a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He served two years as school director and as road supervisor two terms. His wife was reared in the Lutheran faith and is now a member of the church of that denomination at Elvira. He attends church with her and assists in its support, although he is not a member of any religious body. He is a man who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life, and those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends.



HON. JOHN L. WILSON.

Hon. John L. Wilson is one of the leaders of the Democratic party in Clinton county, his large acquaintance and unbounded popularity giving him an influential following, while his shrewd judgment of men and affairs make his counsel of value in all important movements. He is also one of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers of Elk River township, his home being on section thirty-six. He is a son of Matthew

and Sybella (Rugh) Wilson, both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where they were married June 21, 1849. In early life the father learned the carpenter's trade, and was employed as ship carpenter on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers for two years. He spent about fourteen years on the water, however, and rose to the rank of first mate, in which capacity he was serving when he left the river. Returning to his native county, he made his home there for a few years after his marriage, during which time two children were born to him, and the older one died. In 1855 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and rented a farm adjoining that now owned and occupied by our subject. Shortly afterward he purchased eighty acres of wild land, and in 1865 erected a stone house upon that place, making it his permanent home. As one of the early settlers of the county, he was actively identified with its growth and development, and was always regarded as one of the most useful and valued citizens of his community. The services he rendered his fellow townsmen were widespread and cheerfully given, and he was held in the highest regard by all who knew him. In his political views he was a stalwart Democrat, and never wavered in his allegiance to his party. He died August 27, 1884, and his wife passed away May 17, 1882. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran church; was gentle and motherly, and won many friends by the sweetness and beauty of her life.

Of the four children born to them, the oldest and youngest both died when quite young. Of those living Anna M. is the older, and to her the father left the five hundred and twenty acres of land he owned in Story county, Iowa. She is the wife of James Robb, a successful farmer and stock-

raiser of that county, who is the owner of nine hundred acres of valuable farming land there, and is now practically living retired in Ames. They have three children, Lula, Roy and Glenn.

John L. Wilson, of this review, completes the family. He began his education in the district schools of Elk River township, and later attended the Clinton Commercial Business College, where he was graduated with high honors in penmanship and bookkeeping February 18, 1876, receiving his diploma and the commendation of all concerned in his success. To him his father left all his property in Clinton county, and he now has a fine farm of three hundred and sixty acres in Elk River township, under a high state of cultivation and well improved. Besides this property he owns ninety acres of timber land, and is to-day one of the most prosperous and substantial men of his community. He devotes considerable attention to stock-raising, and in all his undertakings is meeting with marked success.

On the 15th of February, 1880, Mr. Wilson married Miss Susie E. Cook, who was born in Hampshire township, this county, September 25, 1860, and was educated in the district schools. Her parents, John B. and Rebecca (Miller) Cook, were born, reared and married in Ohio, and in 1848 came to Iowa, locating in Hampshire township, Clinton county. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of five children, namely: Anna E., who died at the age of ten years; Charles M., who is taking a commercial course at the Clinton Business College; Ollie, who died at the age of six years; John L., Jr., and Clara Vernon, both at home.

Socially Mr. Wilson is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and a member of the East-

ern Star Chapter, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is pre-eminently public-spirited and progressive, and does all in his power to advance the interests of his township and county. He has not only been called upon to fill various local offices, but has been elected to the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth general assemblies, being the only Democrat on his ticket elected in 1894, while in the twenty-eighth general assembly he was one of the four Democrats appointed chairman of a committee, securing the chairmanship of the committee on public lands. He was also a member of the committee on appropriations; congressional and judicial districts; agriculture, military, federal relations; and banks. In 1898 he served on the railroad and commerce, claims, compensation of public offices, animal industry, industrial schools, representative districts, ways and means committees. He ably represented his district, and was one of the most active and influential members of the house.

CLAUS C. RUUS.

One of the energetic and successful agriculturists of Clinton county is Claus C. Ruus. He was born May 5, 1836, in the village of Apenrade, Schleswig, then a part of Denmark. Our subject was the son of Claus A. and Margarita (Hoeck) Ruus, life-long residents of that place. The father of our subject was a ship carpenter by trade, which occupation he followed up to the time of his death. Mr. Ruus received his early education in the village of his nativity, attending school until about the age of fourteen, when he started to learn the trade of cabinet maker. This occupation

he followed until nineteen years of age, when he embarked at Hamburg on a sailing vessel, and after a pleasant trip of several weeks he landed in New York in the month of October, 1856. From there he came direct to Brookfield township, Clinton county, Iowa. Here he pursued his former occupation, that of carpentering, doing whatever odd jobs came under his notice. Being of a frugal turn of mind, he saved his money, and in a short time he was able to invest in a small tract of land. He was engaged in the cultivation and improvement of this place till the breaking out of the Civil war in 1861. On August 24th of that year he enlisted at Maquoketa in Company L, Second Iowa Cavalry, being mustered into the service at Davenport, and at this place he was honorably discharged on October 3, 1864. This regiment saw considerable active service and participated in a number of important engagements. Mr. Ruus was taken prisoner while en route with his regiment on a transportation train, and was held a prisoner for a short time.

After the close of the war he returned home and resumed the occupation of farming. On the second day of March, 1865, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Teskey, a native of Ireland and a daughter of Christopher Teskey, a farmer who came to Iowa at an early date.

The first land purchase made by our subject comprised one hundred acres of raw prairie land with no improvements whatever. With characteristic energy that has marked his career throughout his private and public life, he began the improvement and cultivation of this land, building thereon a residence, barns and other outbuildings so necessary to a well-conducted farm. By economy and rare business instinct he has been able to add from time to time as his

fortune advanced until he now owns two hundred acres of highly cultivated land in this county and two hundred and sixty acres in Sac and Jackson counties. As an agriculturist he has been pre-eminently successful, and with the exception of twelve years spent in the lumber business at Elwood, this has been his life's occupation.

To our subject and his wife have been born six children, all of whom are living, namely: Ida T., wife of William H. Irwin, a resident farmer of Sac county; Lena L., wife of A. N. Newbey, a farmer of Sac county; Marguerita, wife of C. M. Hutson, a traveling salesman of Quincy, Illinois; Gertrude A., wife of A. J. Erwin, a resident farmer of Sac county; Frederick J., who married Clara Leinbaugh, is now in charge of the home farm; and the youngest, C. C., is unmarried.

Mr. Ruus as a man has ever stood high in the estimation of his associates in the community. In politics he is a Republican, and has been elected to the office of supervisor for four different terms, which he has creditably filled. The wife of our subject departed this life November 8, 1900, and is interred in the Elwood cemetery. She was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN C. CARNAHAN.

John C. Carnahan, one of the representative farmers of Eden township, was born on the 26th of August, 1846, in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Charles S. and Elizabeth (Wolff) Carnahan, were also natives. He is the eighth in order of birth in their family of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living. Throughout life the father fol-

lowed farming. In 1849 he removed to Illinois and located in Lee county, where he operated a farm until his death, which occurred in 1874, when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife died in 1884, at the age of seventy-four.

Our subject was only three years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, and he received his education in the common schools of Lee county. He remained at home assisting his father until eighteen years of age, when he joined the boys in blue of Company M, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, and was in active service on the frontier, being under the command of General McNeal in Missouri during Price's invasion in 1864. The war having ended and his services being no longer needed, he was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois, November 6, 1865.

Mr. Carnahan returned to his home in that state, and was there married, in 1878, to Miss Sarah A. Scullen, a native of Illinois. Her father, William Scullen, also fought in the Union army during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Camanche, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have nine children: Reuben, LeRoy, Nellie, Rolland, John, Charles, Harry, Arvine and Marie, all at home.

In 1879 Mr. Carnahan came to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled in Eden township, where he engaged in farming on rented land. Now he owns and operates a threshing machine, steam wood cutter and corn sheller, and meets with success in that enterprise. He has held the offices of township assessor and constable, and is as true to his country in times of peace as when he followed the old flag to victory on southern battlefields. Socially he is a member of Low Moor Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Camanche Lodge, F. & A. M.

JAMES B. MCGINNIS.

This well-known and progressive farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section thirteen, Eden township, is proud to claim Iowa as his native state, his birth having occurred in Scott county, November 20, 1858. His father, William McGinnis, was born in Ireland and was left an orphan in childhood. Making his way to the new world when twelve years of age, he first located in Philadelphia, and later came west, working in the lead mines of Galena, Illinois, for some time. In 1840 he made a permanent location in Scott county, Iowa, becoming one of its earliest settlers. There he entered one hundred and twenty acres of land from the government and subsequently bought more land, until he had four hundred and eighty, which he converted into one of the best and most desirable farms of that locality. Through his own unaided efforts he not only acquired a comfortable competence, but also made for himself and family an honorable name. He was married in Scott county, June 11, 1843, to Miss Mary Campbell, who was born and reared in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of John Campbell, a pioneer of Scott county, Iowa. After operating his farm for many years Mr. McGinnis removed to Le Claire, where he made his home until his death, which occurred August 11, 1885. His wife still survives him, at the age of seventy-six years, and finds a pleasant home with our subject.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, six sons and six daughters, namely: John C., a retired citizen of Seattle, Washington; Esther, who married G. H. Exley and died in Nebraska; Martha, who died when a young lady; Eliza L., who married Alexander Brownlie, and died in

Scott county; Isaphenia, wife of Seymour L. Carpenter, of Clear Lake, Iowa; William, who died in infancy; William H., a farmer of Scott county; James B., of this review; Mary Luella, who died at the age of thirteen years; Charles, who died at the age of sixteen; Nelson E., who died in the same year at the age of fourteen; and Preston H., a business man of Princeton, Scott county.

James B. McGinnis spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead, and to its cultivation he devoted his time when not in school. His education was principally acquired in the home school, but was supplemented by one term's attendance at the preparatory school in Iowa City. He was married in Clinton county, on the 5th of May, 1886, to Miss Susie C. Turner, who was born in the same neighborhood as her husband; her father, Joseph Turner, living first in Scott county and later in Clinton county, where she was reared, and educated. She died March 9, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Elmwood cemetery at DeWitt. She left one daughter, Edna Clella, who is with her father.

For two years after his marriage Mr. McGinnis operated the old home farm, but in 1890 removed to Boone county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres near the city of Boone. After residing there one year he sold the place at a good profit and came to Clinton county, buying his present home of one hundred and sixty acres on section thirteen, Eden township. He has made many substantial improvements upon this place, having enlarged and remodeled the residence, fenced and tilled the land and set out fruit and ornamental trees. He raises and feeds a good grade of stock, shipping from two to four carloads of cattle and two carloads of hogs to market annually, and is accounted one of the

most successful farmers and stock raisers of his community.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. McGinnis a staunch supporter of its principles since he cast his first presidential ballot for James A. Garfield in 1880, and he has ever taken an active interest in public affairs. He efficiently served as trustee of Eden township four years, and as an earnest supporter of our public-school system he has done much to promote the educational interests in his locality as a member of the school board for some years and as president of the district.

PETER MCGINN.

The subject of this sketch, who is a well-known retired farmer living in Delmar, Iowa, was born in Canada on the 14th of March, 1831, and is a son of Peter McGinn, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1798, and Ann McGinn, who was born July 30, 1805. The father of our subject at the age of sixteen years enlisted in the English army, in which he served four years. After the English and French war was over, on account of there being a reduction in the army, his regiment was sent to Montreal, Canada, and there discharged. Soon after receiving his discharge from the service he received one hundred acres of land from the government, and later added three hundred acres more, which he subsequently sold. There he married Ann O'Shea, a native of Canada, and continued to make his home there until 1854. In that year he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and purchased a claim of about a section of land which was partially improved; this was located in Washington and Waterford

townships. As one of the pioneer settlers of that locality, he was forced to endure many hardships and privations such as one will commonly encounter on the frontier. Being possessed of considerable pluck and energy, he was enabled to make a success of life. He died on his farm on August 5, 1866. His wife passed away February 23, 1879. The remains of both are interred in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery in Waterford township.

They were the parents of eleven children, namely: James, who married Catherine Brady and died in Waterford township in 1853, while his widow, who has married again, now lives in Shelby county; to this first marriage was born one son, Peter. (2) William married Eliza Fitzgerald, who died in 1895; he resides in Bloomfield township; to this union there are five children, three living. (3) Christopher, who died in 1896, first married Ella Hanrahan, and second Ann Kelly, now a resident of Quigley, this county; to this first union there are three boys and four girls now living. (4) Peter is the next in order of birth. (5) Mary Ann, who died in 1896, was the wife of John Mears, who lives near Hooker, Turner county, South Dakota; to this union there are two boys and three girls now living. (6) Elizabeth, married John Dumm and she died in Washington township, to this union there are two boys and one girl now living. (7) John, who died in Canada in 1854, was seventeen years of age. (8) Daniel is a resident of Charlotte, this county. (9) Michael is engaged in the real-estate business in Clinton. (10) Catherine is the wife of Patrick O'Meara, a farmer of Shelby county. (11) Jane died in 1880, at the age of thirty-two years.

During his boyhood and youth Peter McGinn attended the public schools of Can-

ada until twenty years of age, and then taught in the dominion for six years. In 1857 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and took up his residence in Washington township. After teaching in the district schools of this county for seven terms he turned his attention to farming, having received eighty acres of land from his father and purchased eighty acres more.

At St. Simon's Catholic church, in DeWitt, May 10, 1868, Mr. McGinn was married by Rev. Father Scallan, to Miss Mary A. Murray, who was born in New York May 15, 1848. Her father, Henry Murray, was born in County Down, Ireland, and was married in England to Miss Catherine Coyle, a native of that country, who died in 1897, and was buried in Center Grove cemetery, Washington township, this county. Her father is still living, and now resides in Washington township. He has six children living, namely: Mary Ann, wife of our subject; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Joseph O'Connell and resides on a farm in Washington township with her father; Henry, who married Margaret Harrison and lives in Cedar Rapids; Margaret, who is at home with her father; Jane, wife of Martin Brogan, of Guthrie county, Iowa; and Joseph, who is also on the home farm with the father.

For six years after his marriage Mr. McGinn operated his farm, and then renting the place he removed to DeWitt, where he lived retired for four years and a half. In 1878 he bought forty acres and added to this until he now has a farm of two hundred and thirty-one acres of land in Bloomfield township, and to the cultivation and improvement of that place he devoted his time and attention until his removal to Delmar in 1898. Here he purchased property and built a handsome modern residence.

where he is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his early labors. He has been elected to office several times, but has refused to qualify, at one time being a successful candidate for justice of the peace, with a large Republican majority, although he is a stanch Democrat. This fact firmly indicates his personal popularity as well as the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He and his wife are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church. He is liberal almost to a fault, and there is probably no one in Clinton county to-day who has more warm friends than Peter McGinn.

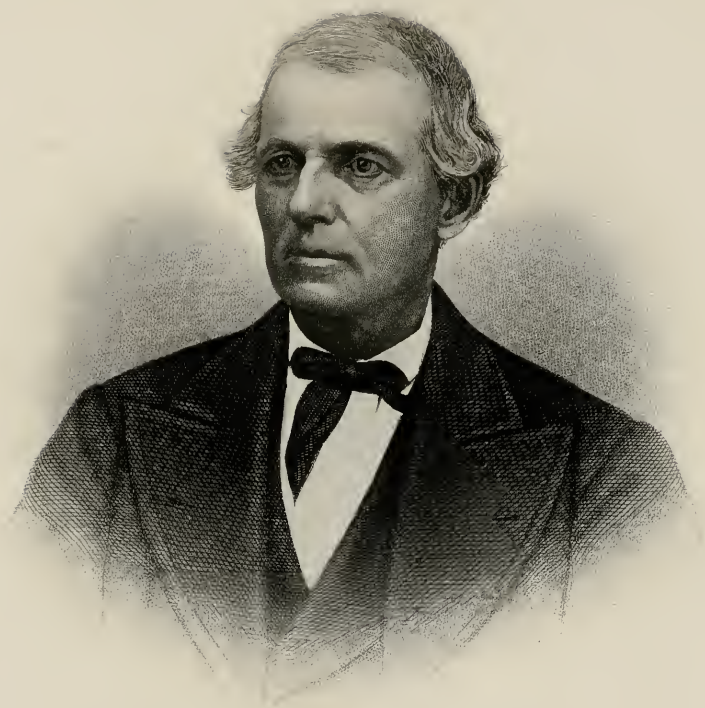
WILLIAM E. BUELL.

Prominent among the business men of Lyons is William E. Buell, a real-estate and insurance agent. To an extent seldom realized by those who do not give earnest thought to the subject does the prosperity, progress and improvement of a community depend upon the real-estate agent. He is indeed an active factor in bringing about the substantial development of the city or community with which he is identified. In this way William E. Buell has done much for Lyons, and his worth is widely acknowledged, while his honorable business methods have gained for him the unqualified confidence and regard of those with whom he has been associated.

Lyons is his native city, his birth having occurred here on the 25th of January, 1858, his parents being Elijah and Mary Louise (Pearce) Buell. His paternal grandparents were Jephtha and Rachel (Strong) Buell. The former was born in France and accompanied the Marquise de LaFayette to America when the liberty-loving French-

man brought his troops to the new world and aided in the development of American independence. Jephtha Buell also joined the American army and remained in the service throughout the entire period of the war of the Revolution. He did not return to his native land, but took up his abode in the republic which he had aided in establishing.

Elijah Buell, father of our subject (a steel engraving of whom accompanies this sketch), was born in Utica, New York, April 1, 1801, and in 1811 accompanied his parents on their removal to a farm near Sackett's Harbor, New York. While living there he witnessed the battle which occurred in that locality, one of the most important engagements of the war of 1812. In the year 1813 the great-grandfather died and in 1815 his widow, with her eight children, removed to the site of the present city of Cleveland, Ohio. Elijah Buell completed his education in Cleveland, and after putting aside the usual text-books he took up the study of navigation, preparing for the life of a sailor upon the lakes. He won distinction in this connection as a pilot and a sailing-master, having few equals and no superiors. For ten years he followed the lakes, but abandoned that pursuit in 1823, and for twelve years thereafter devoted his energies to steamboating on the lower Mississippi river. He became well known in navigation circles in that section of the country. He possessed marked ability and keen discernment, and during his long service no serious disaster ever occurred to a vessel of which he was acting as master or pilot. While sailing on the Mississippi, he made St. Louis his home. In the year 1835, however, leaving his family in that city, he emigrated to the present site of Lyons, Iowa, where he developed a farm, erecting a small log cabin on the banks of the river at what



Elyah Buell



WILLIAM E. BUELL.

is now Pearl and Front streets. In the fall of the same year, 1835, he returned to St. Louis for his family and additional supplies, and upon their return they established a home amid the wild scenes of the frontier. Soon thereafter George W. Harlan took up his abode in the vicinity and they joined forces in order to interest others and to induce them to settle in this portion of the state. During the succeeding three years Mr. Buell improved his preemptive claim, and in 1840, when the first land sale was held at Dubuque, he entered six hundred acres. With characteristic energy he continued its cultivation, devoting his attention largely to the raising of wheat. The only market at that time was St. Louis, but in 1842 and 1843 he hauled his wheat to Chicago, where it could be sold for forty-eight cents per bushel. In the early days Indians were frequent visitors at the pioneer cabin, but caused them no trouble, and deer and wolves were frequently seen. The point at which Mr. Buell settled became the principal crossing point of the Mississippi river. The emigrants and gold seekers who traveled westward in 1849 and 1850 making a good market at that time for the supplies raised in this district. With others, Mr. Buell early aided in establishing a school for the children of the neighborhood and assisted in laying out Lyons and did much for the upbuilding of the city, having built the first public hall, which still stands on Pearl street, then meant to be the main business street of the town; also the first sawmill and flourmill, a large stone structure still standing and now occupied by the Ingwersen & Borbeck Lumber Company. He was the first actual settler of Clinton county, Iowa, owned many fine farms in the country, and the old homestead is now occupied by his widow, Mary Louise (Pearce) Buell.

In his political views he was a staunch Democrat, but never aspired to public office. Industry and energy were a potent element in bringing to him the success which ultimately crowned his efforts.

Elijah Buell was united in marriage to Caroline Boyd, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in 1839. They had three children: Jephtha, who died in infancy, and Robert and Strong, Robert being the first white child born in Clinton county, who have also passed away. For his second wife Mr. Buell chose Mary Louise Pearce, a daughter of Jonathan L. Pearce, who was born in Washington county, Rhode Island, and who, with her parents, came to Iowa in 1838, locating on the present site of Clinton. He was among the earliest settlers of the county. His first home was a log cabin sixteen by sixteen feet, and the family numbered ten. Their beds were bunks built one over the other and in true pioneer style the family met the hardships and difficulties and experienced the pleasures of pioneer life.

Elijah Buell died March 4, 1889. His wife is still living. This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Mary E., now the wife of W. D. Eaton, of Lyons. Caroline B., wife of Captain A. D. Gaston, of Washington, D. C. Lucy A., who died in infancy. George P. Eliza T., the wife of C. A. Hobin. Elijah, who died in childhood. Langworth J., who is residing on a farm west of Lyons, and William E.

William E. Buell was reared and educated in Lyons. He also pursued his studies in the State Agricultural College at Ames, and in the Davenport Business College, in which he was graduated with the class of 1877. He afterward began farming, and to-day he owns a valuable tract of land of one hundred and sixty-seven

acres in Spring Valley township, where he has made many improvements. Throughout the period, however, he has resided in Lyons, and in 1889 he began dealing in real estate, handling extensive property interests in western Iowa. He laid out the Buell park addition to Lyons, comprising ten acres, which he divided into streets and blocks. He has improved much of the property, and has sold considerable at a good profit. As the years have passed he has made judicious investments in real estate and has realized therefrom a very gratifying income. He established the Clinton District Agricultural Fair Grounds, comprising thirty-five acres, and is one of the directors of the fair association. The fair grounds are located on a part of the old Buell homestead, and has one of the best half-mile tracks and is the most pleasantly located fair grounds in the state. In 1891 he built the block at the corner of Main and Sixth streets, and in 1893 he erected the three store buildings adjoining, known as the Buell block. This structure is modern throughout, supplied with conveniences and is divided into stores and offices with a large open court on the second floor. He aided in organizing the Citizens' National Bank of Lyons, Iowa. He also aided in forming, and is secretary of, the Oakland Cemetery Association. He also assisted in promoting the interests leading to the erection of the Lyons and Fulton High Bridge. He has ever been active in politics and has served the city as alderman from the ward in which he lives. He also took great interest in the volunteer fire department, being a veteran member. In 1893 he, with the assistance of others, organized the Citizens' Building Association, of which he is secretary, now the only building association in the county in active operation. It

will be seen that his business interests are varied and of an important character, and demand splendid executive ability to carry them through.

Mr. Buell was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana, daughter of B. C. Tripp, of Lyons, and their union has been blessed with three children: William Elijah; Dorothy and Helen.

Mr. Buell is a prominent Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is popular in fraternal circles, but his time and energies are mostly given to his business affairs. He forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. He has won an enviable reputation and wherever he is known he commands the respect, confidence and good will of those with whom he is associated.

EDWARD F. WAUGH.

Is among the well-to-do citizens and representative farmers of Brookfield township, who owns and operates a well-improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres, and is also successfully engaged in stock raising. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Mercer county on the 25th of April, 1833, and is a son of Isaac and Tamzine (Boyd) Waugh, both natives of the Emerald Isle. About 1831 his parents came to America and settled in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where they made their home for several years. They then followed their children to Jackson county, Iowa, and the father became an officer in the Post Guard there. His death occurred in Maquoketa in 1879. His wife long sur-

vived him, dying in 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. In their family were eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, and only seven are now living, namely: William R., a resident of Calhoun county, Iowa; Eliza, widow of N. Wilson, and a resident of Maquoketa; Mary, wife of William Irwin, of Odebolt, Iowa; James H., a resident citizen of Maquoketa; Edward F., our subject; Erastus Charles, a retired farmer of Nebraska; and Rebecca Jane, wife of George B. Keiser, of Pennsylvania; John Richard was killed in the Civil war.

Mr. Waugh, of this review, obtained his early education in the common schools of his native state, and later attended Allegheny College, in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Having acquired a good education, he came west with a brother and engaged in teaching in the old Hickory Grove school-house, Jackson county, Iowa, for fourteen months. Later he taught in Bloomfield township, this county, one term, and then returned to Jackson county, where he taught two terms.

In 1861 Mr. Waugh led to the marriage altar Miss Lydia Smith, who was born in Essex county, New York, January 23, 1843, and is a daughter of Isaac and Caroline Smith. On first coming to Iowa in 1852 her family settled in Jackson county, but the father subsequently entered land in Brookfield township, Clinton county, where he continued to live, his time and attention being devoted to farming until his death, which occurred in 1890. His wife died in 1896. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Waugh were born fifteen children: Lester, who married Etta Barkley, and now lives in Woodbury county, Iowa; Vernon, who wedded Mary Carey, and resides in Greeley county, Nebraska; Sherman, deceased; Arthur W.,

who married Dora Pulcifer, and makes his home in El Paso county, Colorado; John Clinton, who married Bertha Pulcifer, and lives on a cattle ranch in the same county; Gertie, wife of James Pool, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Allie, wife of Rowland Hill, of Brookfield township, this county; Birt and Charles, both at home; Anna, who is now attending school in Dixon, Illinois; Bird, Edmund F. and Elbert, all at home; and Etta and Mary, both deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Waugh worked at the wagonmaker's trade in Maquoketa for twelve years, and then removed to his present farm in Brookfield township, Clinton county, on which he has made all of the improvements. His life has been one of industry, and to his capable management and sound judgment may be attributed his success, as he never received any outside aid. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has efficiently served in several township offices. He is well known and highly respected.

GOTTLIEB NICK.

Germany, like many other parts of Europe, has furnished many of the most prosperous and industrious citizens of Clinton county, to which class belongs the subject of this sketch, who owns and occupies a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 29, Berlin township. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1838, and is a son of Charles Christian and Margaret (Nick) Nick, who spent their entire lives in that country, where both died at an advanced age. The father was a successful farmer. In the family were six children. Two of our subject's brothers came

to the new world, William in 1867 and Jacob in 1869.

Gottlieb Nick grew to manhood in his native land, being twenty-seven years of age when he came to the United States with his wife. On landing in New York he proceeded at once to Illinois and located near Toledo, Whiteside county, where he engaged in farming for seven years. At the end of that time he came to Iowa and spent three years in Cedar county, where he operated a rented farm three years. Since then he has been a resident of Clinton county, and after farming on several places he purchased his present farm about 1881. He first bought eighty acres, to which he has added from time to time until he now has two hundred and forty acres of as fine farming land as is to be found in Berlin township. This he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

In 1864 Mr. Nick was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Haas, in County Oberdorf, Germany. Unto them were born nine children, of whom six are still living, namely: George, born at sea, now follows the blacksmith's trade; Kate, born in Whiteside county, Illinois, is the wife of Andrew Simpson, who owns and operates an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 29, Berlin township, just across the road from our subject's place; they have four children,—Annie, George, William and Charles; Caroline, born in Whiteside county, Illinois, is the wife of Daniel White, who is engaged in farming on one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sharon township; Gottlieb, born in Whiteside county, Illinois, is now living in the west; Amelia, born in the same county, is at home with her parents; and William, born

in Clinton county, Iowa, is assisting in the operation of the farm. The children deceased are Christina, who died when two weeks old; and Clara and Charles, who were both nine months old at the time of their deaths.

In his political views Mr. Nick is a Democrat, but he has never sought office, though he served as school director two years, and has always taken an active interest in all enterprises for the public good. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church of North America, and has been an elder of the church at Bliedorn for the past four years. He is one of the leading and representative citizens of his community, and is respected and honored by a large circle of acquaintances.

STEPHEN BRIGGS.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known among the enterprising citizens of Lyons than Stephen Briggs, who has been an important factor in her business circles. He is public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the city where he has made his home since the spring of 1861.

Mr. Briggs was born in Nottingham, England, April 2, 1829, a son of William and Sarah (Warren) Briggs. In early life he served an apprenticeship with a large wholesale lace manufacturer of that place, and later was successfully engaged in the business until coming to America in 1861. On landing in this country he came immediately to Lyons, Iowa, and has since been identified with her business and political interests.

For a short period Mr. Briggs was as-

societal in the mercantile business with H. J. Wright, and later was a member of the firm of Allen & Briggs for several years. Subsequently he and Mr. J. P. Gage, banker, purchased the ferry boat plying between Lyons and Fulton, Illinois, and built a new steamboat at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars. At that time as many as five hundred people and from fifty to one hundred teams crossed the river in one day, this being on the direct route for emigrants going west. After running the ferry for several years the bridge was built across the river, and the firm discontinued business. Mr. Briggs was next interested in the Iowa Packing Company; which was a large concern previously run by Messrs. Styles, Goody & McMahon. He was also connected with the Clinton Boiler Works with Edward Owen, whose interest he later purchased and then rented same. At one time the gentleman whose name heads this review was extensively interested in large tracts of timber land at Grovten, Texas, where the company established mills and were extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some years. He has bought and sold a large amount of real estate, and today owns four thousand acres of valuable land in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, which he rents, and also has considerable real estate in Lyons and Clinton. He is a director of the First National Bank of Lyons and the Lyons Savings Bank, and the city has no more active, energetic or successful business man than he.

On October 23, 1855, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Holmes, a sister of William Holmes, who is represented elsewhere in this work. She died in California March 5, 1894, at the age of sixty-two years, leaving five children, namely: John William, president of the ———

Bank at ——— and interested in the Archer Bank at Archer, Iowa; Albert married Lottie Scarborough, and is engaged in farming in Illinois; Stephen Harry, a farmer in Illinois, married Hattie Finch, and they have three children,—Florence, Gertrude and Leslie S.; Sarah Helen is at home with her father; and Arthur H. is a young insurance and real-estate dealer of Lyons. He was born in that city October 15, 1871, and after studying law with R. T. Spence and the firm of Walsh & Sutton he for a time was a law student of the Iowa State University. He is a member of Lyons Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a very popular and successful young man.

Mr. Briggs has taken a very active interest in public affairs, and has served as a member of the city council of Lyons for two years and of the school board three years. He is now trustee of the same Congregational church of which his parents for over fifty years were earnest and consistent members. He never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the city's welfare. He has made for himself an honorable record in business, and has not only acquired a handsome competence, but has also gained the good will and respect of his fellow citizens to a marked degree.

JULIUS B. JOHNSON.

For over forty-five years this gentleman was one of the honored and representative citizens of Clinton, and as a contractor and builder was prominently identified with her development and prosperity. For the past twelve years, however, he has lived retired from active business, and in 1901 removed to Jersey City, New Jersey, to make his

home with his only son, Frank H. Johnson, an accountant, who has a good position with a large firm of that place.

Mr. Johnson was born in Onondaga county, New York, in 1822, and when a young man went to Syracuse, that state, where he learned both the plasterer's and bricklayer's trades. As a contractor and builder he came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1855, to erect what is to-day known as the Windsor Hotel. This city was at that time little known to the outside world, as it contained but a few small frame houses, its principal structures being built of logs. The Windsor Hotel was the first brick building erected here, and was then considered a very rash investment, but it was built so substantially that it is still one of the leading hotels of the place, having always been very popular with the traveling public. Its walls have never cracked, and it is a good specimen of the durability and excellence of our subject's work. As the new town seemed to be a promising location, he decided to settle here after completing the hotel, and became one of its leading contractors. He erected all but three of the store buildings on the north side of Fifth avenue between Second and Third streets, and built many other of the best business blocks in the city, including a block which he owns. He also built the Methodist Episcopal church and a large number of the fine residences of the city; but about twelve years ago he laid aside business cares and has since lived retired.

His reliability in all business transactions and his upright and honorable dealings gained for Mr. Johnson the esteem and confidence not only of his business associates, but of all with whom he came in contact, and on going to Jersey City he left behind him a host of warm friends in Clin-

ton who had for him the highest regard. In early life he married Miss Lydia Coleman, and to them was born only one child, Frank H., who was reared and educated in Clinton and here spent his early life, but, as previously stated, he is now living in Jersey City, New Jersey. Being well advanced in life, his parents went to Jersey City in the spring of 1901 to make their home with him, that they might enjoy a well-earned rest. He only lived with his son in Jersey City two weeks when he died of inflammation of the bladder, on May 24, 1901, and was brought back to Clinton for burial. Mr. Johnson is liberal in religious views, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

HARMON SCHEPERS.

One of the most industrious and enterprising farmers of Brookfield township is Harmon Schepers, whose home is on section 29. He is a man of strong force of character, purposeful and energetic, and his keen discrimination and sound judgment have brought to him success. He was born in the township where he still resides October 20, 1861, his parents being William and Christina (Tebbe) Schepers, who came to this country from Germany, and after spending three years in Davenport, Iowa, where the father worked as a laborer, they came to Clinton county. He then entered land on section 29, Brookfield township, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. After residing upon that place for a few years he purchased forty acres of land on section 7, and to the improvement and cultivation of the farm devoted his attention throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1875, and his wife, who long survived him, passed

away on the 10th of March, 1891. They had five children: Henry, deceased; Harmon, of this review; Willie, a farmer of Cedar county, Iowa, who married Lena Hyer and has four children,—August, Annie, Willie and Esther; Dietrich, who lives with our subject; and August, who married Clara Rutenbeck and has two children,—Arthur and Elmer. August lives near our subject in Brookfield township.

During his boyhood Harmon Schepers pursued his studies in the public schools of his native township, and upon the home farm became thoroughly familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He worked for a time on neighboring farms in the same township and also in Scott county, Iowa, for two years. Since then he has engaged in farming on his own account and has been eminently successful. He carries on both general farming and stock raising, and is now the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, well improved with good and substantial buildings.

Mr. Schepers was married March 10, 1885, to Miss Emma Rutenbeck, who was born in Germany November 4, 1864, and is a daughter of Frederick Rutenbeck, a farmer of Brookfield township. Unto them have been born four children: Fred; Willie, who died at the age of eight years; Clara; and Harry. Since attaining his majority Mr. Schepers has affiliated with the Democratic party. He is one of the most prominent and influential farmers of his community.

FRANK W. LEEDHAM.

Among the active and enterprising citizens of Clinton is this well-known public official, who is now so acceptably filling the

office of auditor of his native county. He was born in Lyons on the 10th of May, 1867, and is a son of Thomas Leedham, whose sketch will be seen on another page of this volume. He passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native township, and is indebted to her public schools for his educational privileges, which were supplemented by a course in Griswell's College in Davenport. He began his business career as assistant bookkeeper with the Lyons Lumber Company, and later accepted a position in the office of W. J. Young & Company, where he filled different positions in their office until 1890, when his health failed and he was obliged to return to his father's farm with the intention of soon going to the mountains of Colorado, but was not well enough to leave for some time, having had a hemorrhage. Owing to his outdoor exercise, he improved, however, and as soon as he had sufficiently recovered he commenced buying and shipping cattle. While engaged in this business he was on horseback most of the time, and this proved very beneficial to his health, so that he has entirely recovered, and is to-day a fine specimen of strong, robust manhood.

Mr. Leedham was married in 1892 to Miss Blanche Leffingwell, a daughter of Charles Leffingwell, of Lyons, who was a son of Judge William E. Leffingwell, and who was accidentally killed while hunting when about thirty years of age. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Westbrook, one of the oldest physicians of Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Leedham are the parents of three children: Harry L., Helen A. and Donald W. Mrs. Leedham when a young lady took up vocal music and studied under Miss Lincoln, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, for about two years, and for many years has taken a prominent part in musical affairs

in Clinton, singing in the various churches of both Clinton and Lyons.

In his social relations Mr. Leedham is a member of the blue lodge, chapter, consistory and Eastern Star chapter of the Masonic fraternity, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept. In his political affiliations he is a staunch Republican, and on his party ticket was elected county auditor in 1900. He has since efficiently served in that capacity, and at the same time has filled the position of president of the public library of Lyons. He is pre-eminently public spirited and progressive, and takes an active interest in any enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the welfare of his native county.

DE WITT SERNBERGER.

Among the old and honored residents of Clinton is numbered De Witt Sernberger, who has made his home here since 1864, and was one of the most trusted employes of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company for forty-four years. He was born in Columbia county, New York, September 10, 1833, a son of Ransom and Nancy (Joiner) Sernberger. At one time the father owned and operated a distillery on the Hudson river, but failing in business, he took up the painter's trade and followed it throughout the remainder of his life. His last days were spent in Bement, Illinois, where he died when about sixty-five years of age. His wife survived him twenty years, making her home with our subject in Clinton, where she passed away in 1893, aged seventy-eight years. They were the parents

of four children, of whom De Witt is the oldest; Josephine is the wife of Marten Clark, a resident of Kansas; Charles is engaged in farming in New Jersey; and Edward, who was a sailor, left home on a whaling voyage and has never been heard from since.

De Witt Sernberger received his education in the common schools of New York, and remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, when he commenced firing on the New York Central Railroad, being thus employed for two years. The following year was spent in Chicago, while employed as fireman on the railroad between that city and Freeport, Illinois. He next entered the service of the Alton & St. Louis Railroad, where he ran an engine for about two years. In 1858 he removed to Fulton, Illinois, and commenced work on the Air Line. When the road was extended to Clinton he ran the first engine across the new bridge to the island, and from there ferried the cars across to the Iowa shore. When the bridge was completed he removed to Clinton, where he has since made his home, and was engineer after the connection was made with the Iowa side. He was engineer on a passenger train thirty-four years, but in 1896 he retired from the road on account of rheumatism, and is now living in ease and quiet, surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living. Before his family removed to Clinton, he purchased a lot on Tenth avenue and built his home afterward, and at different times has owned several houses in the city.

In 1860 Mr. Sernberger was united in marriage with Miss Emily Rolph, who was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, in 1843, their wedding being celebrated in Fulton. Of the three children born to this union, one died in infancy. Charles an engineer

on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway since 1893, runs between Clinton and Boone and resides with his parents. Ruth is the wife of Walter Loucks, treasurer of the electric car line at Aurora, Illinois. Both children were educated in the schools of Clinton, Iowa, and Garden Plain, Illinois, where the family resided for a few years. Mr. Sernberger purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Garden Plain township, Whiteside county, Illinois, which he operated for a time, but still retained his position with the railroad company. He still owns that place, on which there are two good residences.

Mrs. Sernberger acquired her early education in the public schools of Illinois, and later attended the Mt. Carroll schools for one year. She is a daughter of Edward and Frances (Baker) Rolph, natives of Queen Ann county, Maryland. About 1830 the mother moved to Illinois with her uncle, John Baker, and was the first white woman married in Fulton township, Whiteside county. Mr. Rolph, who was a farmer by occupation, went to Pike's Peak in 1849, and finally located at Central City, Colorado, where he died at the age of fifty-six years. His wife died in Sacramento, California, at the age of sixty-three. They were the parents of ten children, of whom only three are now living, namely: Emily, wife of our subject; Charles, a resident of Leadville, Colorado; and Martha, widow of Samuel McLain and a resident of Salida, Colorado.

In his political views Mr. Sernberger is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been made a Mason about 1862. He also belongs to Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., while his wife is a member of the ladies auxiliary of that order, and was

its president for two years. She is now insurance collector and secretary of the G. I. A., member of the managing board of Agatha Hospital. She was a member of the plans committee when the hospital was erected and has since been a member of its board, having always been a very active and energetic worker for its interests. In religious faith she is a Presbyterian. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sernberger stand high in the community where they have so long made their home, and those who know them best are numbered among their warmest friends.

JOSEPH A. HICKS.

One of the most industrious and enterprising agriculturists of Deep Creek township is Joseph A. Hicks, who carries on his chosen calling on section 17. A native of New York, he was born in Schoharie county, April 12, 1840, and is a son of Jacob and Angeline (Rodman) Hicks, who brought their family to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1856, and settled in Deep Creek township, where the father followed farming until 1867. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Waterford township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for ten years, and at the end of that time bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 17, Deep Creek township, making it his home until 1890, when he purchased eighty acres and engaged in the operation of that farm until his retirement from active labor. He died in 1896, at the advanced age of eighty years, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife passed away in 1900, at the age of eighty-six. To this worthy couple were born the

following children: Joseph A., our subject, is the oldest; Madison, who served as a private in the Second Iowa Cavalry during the war of the Rebellion, married Louise Whitum and resides in Calhoun county, Iowa; Mary Eliza married C. W. Bayless and both are now deceased; Andrew married Cynthia Haight and makes his home in Greene county, Iowa; Sarah Ann is the wife of Charles Wood, of Calhoun county; Philotus married Alma Case and resides in Calhoun county, Iowa; John, deceased, married Alice Crinklaw, now a resident of Miles.

Joseph A. Hicks was principally reared and educated in the state of his nativity, and came west with his father in 1856, remaining under the parental roof until he was married January 22, 1867, to Miss Louisa Collins. She is a native of Long Island, Canada, and a daughter of John D. and Bessie (Percy) Collins. Her mother died in Canada when Mrs. Hicks was young, and in 1855 her father came to Iowa, where he departed this life at the age of sixty-eight years. Unto them were born five children: Augusta, a resident of Clayton, New York; Mary, who wedded, first Itlamer Barber, and, second, Brainard Harrington; Louisa, wife of our subject; Julia, wife of Nathan Ward, of Colorado; and William, who was wounded in the attack on Vicksburg during the Civil war, while a member of Company A, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died in the hospital. For his second wife the father of this family married Lydia Carter, now deceased, and by that union he also had five children, namely: Bowen C., who married Eliza Gussythe; Seth L., who married Ellen Spurrell and lives in Deep Creek township; Robert I. married L. Blessington and lives in Iowa; Houghton, who married

Lizzie Kilgore; and Orville E. lives in Chadron, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have three children: Orville A., who wedded Mary Hunter and makes his home in Preston, Iowa; Edith M., wife of Edward D. Evans, who resides with our subject; and Clara B., wife of Louis Felter, of Wisconsin.

Mr. Hicks' first purchase of land consisted of forty acres in Waterford township, which he subsequently sold, and then bought two hundred and ten acres in Fairfax township, Jackson county. On disposing of that property he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of fine farming land where he now lives. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has been very successful, and is to-day one of the well-to-do men of his community, as well as one of its most highly respected citizens. In his political views he is a Republican.

LYMAN A. ELLIS.

Lyman A. Ellis is one of the distinguished lawyers and statesmen of Iowa. There are few men in the community whose lives are crowned with greater honor and respect than is generally accorded him. Through many years he has been an important factor in public affairs, and will leave the impress of his individuality for good upon the commonwealth.

The birth of our subject occurred on a farm a few miles north of Burlington, Vermont, March 11, 1833. The family home was on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain and in that locality he attended the district school and at the age of eighteen he began teaching. In this way he was enabled to meet the expenses of an academic course in

Bakersfield and Colchester and to pursue a course of lectures in a law school in Vermont, where, graduating, he was admitted to the bar, and at twenty-one years he resolved to try his fortunes in the west, and after visiting at various places he began the practice of law in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1861, where he rose almost at once into prominence and has steadily maintained a place in the foremost ranks of the profession in the state. In 1865 he was elected district attorney of the Seventh judicial district, consisting of Jackson, Scott, Muscatine and Clinton counties. In this office he became noted as a jury advocate and trial lawyer, and gave such general satisfaction, that he was four times re-elected, holding the office for the period of sixteen years, and finally retiring in 1880. Since that time he has been engaged in the general practice of law in the state and federal courts. The Iowa Law Reports show how extensive and successful has been his practice in the supreme court of Iowa.

For a number of years Mr. Ellis has been prominent as one of the leaders in the Republican party of Iowa. From the organization of the party he has never faltered in his allegiance thereto, and his efforts have contributed in no inconsiderable degree to Republican successes. His fitness for leadership and official honors was recognized in 1893 in his election to the office of senator from Clinton county, though it had previously gone Democratic by a large majority. During the first term he became widely known as a debator and renowned for his oratorical ability, winning distinction for his memorable speech against woman suffrage, —a speech which won much admiration and was commented upon at length by the press of the entire state. He is a bold and vehement speaker, and is inflexible in his views

as to state policies or what he considers wholesome, provident legislation; yet he never resorts to vituperation, ridicule or abuse of his opponents. In 1897 he refused a renomination as senatorial candidate because his duties at Des Moines claimed so much time from his professional labors; and it is a well-known fact that his devotion to the interests of his clients is vigilant and untiring, and generally successful. He was a determined advocate of local option for the sake of control of the liquor traffic in counties where prohibition has been a failure, and to his persistency and leadership the modification of state-wide prohibition and the provision for the manufacture of liquors in Iowa are largely due. He accepted these modifications whose provisions, though not entirely satisfactory, were the best that could then be obtained. During the second session of the twenty-sixth general assembly he was chairman of the judiciary committee, and here his knowledge of the law and general ability as a safe and conservative legislator proved him to be a practical worker as well as an orator. At the special session of 1897 he was made a member of the joint committee for the annotation and publication of the new code, serving as its vice-chairman.

Mr. Ellis still practices law and his vigor and ambition seem unabated. He has a nice discrimination as to legal ethics, and he is so thoroughly well read that he is able to base his arguments upon thorough knowledge of and familiarity with precedents and originality in application, and to present a case upon its peculiar merits, never failing to recognize the main point at issue, and never neglecting a thorough preparation. His pleas have been characterized by logical and lucid analysis as well as ornament in metaphor and illustration, and his power is

greater before court or jury from the fact that it is recognized that his aim is to secure exalted justice and not to enshroud the cause in a sentimental garb, or illusion which will thwart the principles of right and equity involved.

On the 12th of November, 1856, Mr. Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Mary Buckley, and unto them have been born six children: Daniel B., an attorney of Denver, Colorado; George B., who has large manufacturing and fruit-growing interests in southern California; Charles F., a merchant and business man of Denver, Colorado; Frank W., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Gertrude May, wife of Garrett E. Lamb, one of the prominent business men and financiers of Clinton; and Lyman M., a physician of Chicago, Illinois.

GILBERT LAWRENCE TEMPLE.

Gilbert Lawrence Temple, a leading photographer of Clinton, Iowa, was born in Africa, Delaware county, Ohio, November 4, 1852, and is a son of Gilbert and Rebecca (Thatcher) Temple. The father was born in England, and received a good education in the schools of his native land. When a young man he came to America and located in New York state, where he engaged in teaching school and farming. There he married Miss Thatcher, and later removed to Delaware county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, but subsequently made his home in Franklin county, that state. Religiously both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, and were most estimable people.

The subject of this review is the youngest in a family of six children. He first attended the common schools of his native

state, and later was a student at Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, for two years. In 1870 he embarked in the photographic business for himself at Beloit, Wisconsin, where he spent two years, and then sold out and went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was employed by J. F. Ryder, one of the leading artists of that city. There he became familiar with the best methods in vogue at that time.

We next find Mr. Temple in Clinton, November 13, 1874, as an operator for J. H. Reed, with whom he remained seven and a half years, and at the end of that time he went into business for himself as a member of the firm of Santee & Temple. This firm was one of the most popular in their line in the city, and received a liberal patronage. In 1884 Mr. Temple purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. He is not only the leading photographer of Clinton, but does the finest work in this part of the country, and is doing a successful business. His elegant studio is in the Howes Block and is finely fitted up.

On the 9th of September, 1873, Mr. Temple married Miss Eliza Smythe, of Jackson, Michigan, and to them were born two children: Edith, now the wife of D. G. Swannell, of Champaign, Illinois; and Ruth Thatcher, at home. Mr. Temple is a member of the National Association of Photographers, and occupies an enviable position among his professional brethren.

E. S. McCORD, M.D.

Dr. E. S. McCord is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Delmar, Iowa, and has that love for and devotion

to his profession which has brought to him success and won him a place among the ablest representatives of the medical fraternity in Clinton county. He is a native of this state, born in Story county January 23, 1868, and is a son of C. P. and Sarah (Smith) McCord, natives of Ohio and Illinois, respectively. The mother was born in Illinois, where their marriage was celebrated, and from there they removed to Story county. The father served as the first county auditor there, but refused a second term and retired to his farm, his time and attention being devoted to general farming and stock raising until 1883, when ill health compelled his retirement from active labor. He then removed to Nevada, Iowa, where he made his home until called to his final rest, October 7, 1887, when lacking only two days of being sixty years of age. His remains were interred in Woodland cemetery, at Iowa Center. Politically he was identified with the Republican party, and religiously was a member of the Evangelical church. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, but after serving six months was seriously wounded in the left knee, which necessitated the amputation of the limb just above the joint. This occurred when he was on the skirmish line at Black River Bridge before the battle of Vicksburg. His widow is still a resident of Nevada.

In their family were five sons and four daughters, namely: J. W., who wedded Martha Donahue and follows farming in Story county; Mary, wife of John Ray, a farmer of the same county; Nancy E., wife of J. W. White, of Collins, Iowa; A. S., who married Elizabeth Bowman and resides

on the old homestead farm in Story county; Alice, who resides with her mother in Nevada; Edith, wife of C. A. Funk, of Perry, Iowa; S. G., who married Harriet Clothier and lives on a farm in Story county; E. S., of this review, is next in order of birth; Charles P., who married Viola Dillion and resides in Nevada, Iowa.

Reared in the county of his nativity, Dr. McCord attended its district schools until fifteen years of age, when the family removed to Nevada, the county seat, where he pursued his studies in the high school for five years. In 1889 he entered the Iowa State College, at Ames, where he was graduated with the class of 1892, with high honors, and was next a student at the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was graduated in April 1894, with the degree of M. D. Prior to this time he had spent his vacation in study under Dr. D. S. Fairchild, who is now located in Clinton and is one of the most noted surgeons of Iowa. On the 2d of May, 1894, Dr. McCord came to Delmar, and has since engaged in practice at this place with marked success.

The Doctor was married near Delmar, December 31, 1895, to Miss Jennie M. Sidle, who was born in this county December 24, 1869, and is a daughter of John Sidle, who is represented on another page of this volume. Dr. McCord takes an active interest in civic societies, and is a prominent member of Monitor Lodge, No. 330, F. & A. M., of Delmar, of which he is now master, and belongs to Bath Kol Chapter, R. A. M., and Tancred Commandery, K. T., both of Maquoketa. He is also a member of Delmar Camp, M. W. A., the Mystic Workers of the World, and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and has

served as city councilman and health officer of Delmar. He is examining physician for several life insurance companies, and is a member of the Clinton County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society. He is a progressive physician, and his skill and ability in his chosen profession are attested by the liberal patronage he enjoys.

FRANK W. ELLIS.

Frank W. Ellis is one of the younger representatives of the legal fraternity of Clinton, but has already won a position of distinction in connection with the litigated interests of the district as a member of the firm of Ellis & Ellis. He was born in the city which is still his home May 4, 1865, a son of Lyman A. and Mary (Buckley) Ellis, who are represented on another page of this volume.

Our subject pursued his education in the schools of Clinton and was graduated in the high school in 1883. He afterward entered the State University of Minnesota, at Minneapolis, and later read law with the firm of Ellis & McCoy. In May, 1888, he was admitted to the bar, and practiced until 1890. He then removed to Denver, where he continued in practice for four years, and on the expiration of that period returned to Clinton, where he has been until recently a member of the firm of Ellis & Ellis. He is now a member of the prosperous law firm of Barker, Ellis & McCoy. He is a young man of good mental endowments, laudable ambition and strong determination,—qualities which have already won him recognition and will gain for him still greater success in the future.

In May, 1899, was celebrated the mar-

riage of Mr. Ellis and Miss Celeste Ware, of Clinton, and they now have one child, Jane, born in June, 1900. In his social relations Mr. Ellis is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while in politics he is a Republican and has served for two years as city attorney of Clinton. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and precision, and as he is well versed in the principles of jurisprudence, he has been successful in mastering many intricate problems that have arisen in the conduct of important litigation.

OLIVER W. MILLER.

One of the honored veterans of the Civil war and a highly esteemed citizen of Camanche, Oliver W. Miller is well worthy of representation in the history of his adopted county. He was born in Winchester, Ohio, December 29, 1841, and is a son of Peter and Amanda (Overholser) Miller, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was a plasterer by trade and followed that occupation throughout life. During the cholera epidemic in 1851 he died of that dread disease in St. Louis, Missouri. His wife long survived him, passing away in 1894, at the age of eighty years. Her mother lived to the extreme old age of ninety-eight years.

Oliver W. Miller is the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, all of whom are still living. In 1855, at the age of fourteen years he came alone to Iowa and found employment as a farm hand near Camanche, where he remained until the country became involved in civil war. He enlisted at the Union school-house, August

14, 1862, in the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Johnson, who was later succeeded by Captain J. E. Crozier, the commanding officer being Major Milo Smith. The first engagement in which Mr. Smith participated was the battle of Yazoo Bluffs, north of Vicksburg, and later with the Army of the Tennessee participated in some severe engagements. He was with Sherman all through the Atlanta campaign and on the march to the sea, and at the close of the war took part in the grand review at Washington D. C., and was discharged at Clinton, Iowa, in June, 1863. During his active service he was wounded in the back while lying on the ground, a cannon ball shooting off a limb of a tree and it falling upon his back. He also lost the use of his left ear by the concussion of a cannon at Big Shanty. On leaving the army Mr. Miller came to Clinton, and engaged in farming upon rented land for about four years. He then removed to Camanche, where he has since resided, having a pleasant home at that place.

On the 11th of September, 1867, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss M. Wolfe, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Andrew and Lydia (McClung) Wolfe. She is the fourth in order of birth in a family of ten children, seven of whom are living at the present writing in 1901. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to Iowa in 1855, and purchased eighty acres of improved land near Le Claire, Scott county, which he placed under cultivation and successfully operated for several years. He died February 14, 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his wife passed away in August, 1899, at the age of seventy-nine. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born three children: Libby, who is now the wife of John L.

Thompson, of Elk River, Minnesota, and has one child, Nina; Essie, wife of Robert Tallman, a merchant of Camanche, Iowa; and Everett, who was drowned at the age of twelve years while swimming in the Mississippi.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Miller has always affiliated with the Republican party and on that ticket was elected to the city council of Camanche. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and has held office in the lodge at Camanche, of which he has been a member in good standing for twelve years. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

GEORGE HILL.

This well-known farmer of Brookfield township was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 31st of August, 1826, and is a son of John and Susana (Staveley) Hill, both of whom were born in County Surrey, near London. Bidding good-by to friends and native land, our subject sailed from Hull, on the sailing vessel Fergus, in 1847, and after a voyage of six weeks and one day, landed in Quebec, Canada. After spending about three months in that country, he went to Vermont, where the following six months were passed; and he then spent a year in Upper Canada. We next find him in Roscoe, Illinois, where he made his home until coming to Clinton county, Iowa, in the fall of 1855. He first located near what is now Lost Nation, and entered eighty acres of wild prairie land, on which not an improvement had been made. Subsequently he purchased forty acres additional, and the whole tract he fenced and placed under cultivation,

and erected thereon good and substantial buildings. Selling that place, in 1869, he bought the farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Brookfield township, where he now resides. At that time it was only partially improved, but the old log house has since been replaced by a better and more comfortable residence, and other buildings have also been erected. About fifteen years ago Mr. Hill had the misfortune to lose his barn in a cyclone.

On the 6th of July, 1870, Mr. Hill led to the marriage altar Miss Sarah J. McLean, daughter of John and Emily (Robinson) McLain, both natives of Canada. She lost her father during childhood, and her mother subsequently came to Iowa, but spent her last days in Nebraska, where she died in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of six children, namely: Sarah Luella, wife of John Scott, a resident of Sonoma county, California; George Walter, John Edwin and Howard, all farmers of Clinton county; and Scott Nettleton and Merta Drury, twins, at home. The mother of these children is a member of the Methodist church, and is a most estimable lady. In politics Mr. Hill is a Republican, and has most efficiently filled the offices of school director and road supervisor. For almost a half a century he has been a resident of this county and has been prominently identified with its growth and development. He is held in high regard by all who know him, and has a host of warm friends.

CON TUSSING.

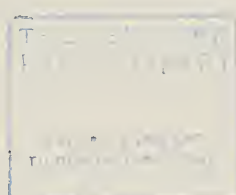
One of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Clinton is this well-known liveryman, Con Tussing. He was born in Reed's Hollow, New York,

on the 4th of April, 1852, and is a son of Mathias and Susan (Dorst) Tussing, both of whom were natives of Germany, and were about eighteen years of age when they came to the United States. They were married in New York, where they made their home for some years, the father being engaged in shoemaking. He removed to Princeton, Iowa, during the childhood of our subject, and subsequently lived for a time in Cordova, where he at first followed his trade, and later engaged in farming. The mother of our subject, who was born April 17, 1852, died in Cordova, October 8, 1862, was buried in the Cordova cemetery, and the family subsequently removed to a farm in Rock Island county, Illinois. The father next made his home in Milo, Iowa, where he was first engaged in the boot and shoe business, and later conducted a restaurant. He built the first house in Milo, and continued to reside there until called to his final rest, March 29, 1901, at the age of eighty years, his remains being interred on the 31st of March in Milo cemetery. In politics he was an ardent Democrat and was an active party worker. Being a well-educated man and very influential, he had a wide circle of friends, and was called upon to fill a number of local offices. Religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian church, and took an active part in church work. On coming to the new world he was unable to speak the English language, but he steadily overcame all obstacles and met with success.

Con Tussing is the third in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Katie is now the widow of James Payne, of Hampton, Illinois, and she resides in Clinton, Iowa; Emma is the wife of George Payne, who lives near Geneseo, Illinois. Henry is a resident of



CON TUSSING.



Clinton, Iowa; Caroline is the wife of Sylvester Barlow, of the same place; Mary, who died July 12, 1901, was the wife of Albert Pierson, of Clinton, and her remains were interred in Springdale cemetery, July 14; Josie is the wife of William Harwood, of Chicago; and William is a resident of St. Paul. For his second wife the father of these children married Anna Ries, by whom he had two daughters: Anna, who makes her home with our subject, and is engaged in teaching in the Iowa schools; and Eva, who lives with her mother in Milo, Iowa. The father gave his children the best advantages that money could procure.

The subject of this sketch was principally educated in the country schools of Rock Island county, Illinois. On leaving home, at the age of twenty-one, he worked as a farm hand for two years, and then engaged in farming for himself until twenty-five years of age. In 1876 he came to Clinton, Iowa, and embarked in the trucking and transfer business, owning several teams. He also supplied wood to the citizens of Clinton, and met with good success in business. On the 25th of December, 1884, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad as fireman, and was on the road for eight years. Meeting with an accident, September 15, 1892, he was compelled to retire from the road. At the same time Thomas Howes, son of Philip Howes, and two others, were killed. August 27, 1892, Mr. Tussing had opened a livery stable in Clinton, but was unable to attend to business for about two years. He purchased a lot while railroading and erected a barn, where he conducted business on a small scale, but as the volume of his trade increased he has enlarged his facilities and now has a well equipped barn, keeping sixteen horses for livery purposes. He also

has a good boarding trade and receives the patronage of the best people of the city. In the spring of 1901, April 8, he enlarged his building to twice its original size, and has added a blacksmith shop for the convenience of his customers. His barn is now fifty by one hundred and forty feet in dimensions and two stories in height, and is in a very desirable location, being situated at 135-137 Fourth avenue, between First and Second streets.

Mr. Tussing was married in Clinton, October 10, 1878, to Miss Ada I. Della Galbraith, who was born in this county, July 26, 1859, and is a daughter of Josiah and Mary Ann Galbraith, both old settlers of Clinton county. Her father was a very well-to-do farmer and owned land in various parts of Iowa, and also west of the Missouri river, besides considerable real estate in the city of Clinton. He died March 28, 1895, at the age of eighty-four years, three months and two days. His wife still survives him and is now over eighty years of age. She was a good helpmate to her husband in helping in everything. She makes her home in Clinton, where she has four daughters living, namely: Carrie A., wife of Amos Heath; Mary Alice, wife of Charles Freeman; Sarah Emma, wife of Frank Bavier; and Ada I. Della, wife of our subject. Her sons are: Charles, a resident of Denison, Iowa; Robinson, of Schuyler, Nebraska; and Henry, of Clinton, Iowa. One daughter, Lizzie, married William Haney, of Stanhope, Hamilton county, Iowa, and is now deceased. The children all had good educational privileges, attending the public schools of Clinton county and colleges at various places.

Mr. Tussing began his business career without capital, and by straightforward, honorable dealing has secured the public

confidence, and likewise the public patronage, and his life illustrates what can be accomplished through industry, perseverance, good management and a determination to succeed. He formerly owned considerable real estate. He purchased a lot on Fourth avenue and erected an elegant residence facing the park, with all modern conveniences, at a cost of about five thousand dollars. This beautiful home is presided over by Mrs. Tussing, who is a lady of culture and refinement, and prominent in society. She has not only been a good wife, but throughout their entire married life she has been a true helpmate to her husband, doing all in her power to advance their business interests. In politics Mr. Tussing affiliates with the Republican party, but has never cared for official honors. He gives to the support of churches, and is also a liberal contributor to all philanthropic work of the city.

RILEY W. DAMON.

Riley W. Damon, who is engaged in the practice of law and in the real estate business in Calamus, was born in Bridgeport, Madison county, New York, on the 11th of December, 1844, a son of Edmund H. and Sarah (Hicks) Damon, the latter a cousin of Elias Hicks, who was the founder of the religious sect known as the Hicksite Quakers. The father of our subject conducted a hotel at Bridgeport, New York, for many years and was a prominent man in the community. He was a staunch advocate of the abolition cause, was a warm personal friend of Gerrit Smith, and his home was a station on the famous underground railroad, whereby many a slave from the south was assisted on his way to freedom

in Canada. Both he and his wife are now deceased, their last days being passed in Calamus, where the father died at the age of eighty-two years, and the mother at the age of seventy-two. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are yet living, their homes being in various sections of the country.

In the place of his nativity Riley W. Damon remained until sixteen years of age, when, in 1861, he came to Iowa, locating in Davenport. On the 12th of September, of the same year, he manifested his loyalty to the Union by enlisting in Company B, Eighth Iowa Infantry, and after being discharged from that regiment he re-enlisted in Company A, Eighteenth Iowa Infantry, with which he remained until the close of the war, being discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, the second battle at that place, and in many minor engagements, and when the country no longer needed his services he returned to Iowa.

Mr. Damon located on his father's farm three miles south of Calamus, and there remained for a year, after which he spent a year in the study of medicine. On the expiration of that period he went to Missouri, where he engaged in shipping fruit for several years, subsequently spending one year in the milling business in Crawford county, Iowa. He next returned to Calamus and read law under the direction of the firm of N. A. Merrill. In 1879 he was admitted to the bar and has since engaged in practice, meeting with creditable success in his efforts at the bar. He is careful and thorough in the preparation of cases and is very devoted to his clients' interests. He is also engaged in handling real estate, and has manipulated some important realty transfers.

Mr. Damon was united in marriage to Miss Emma A. Davis, of Galena, Illinois, a daughter of Job Early and Wealthy A. Davis, both of whom are now deceased. The father engaged in the practice of medicine throughout his business career and spent the last years of his life in Maquoketa. He was a man of considerable prominence and was esteemed by many friends. His birth occurred in Canada, while his wife was a native of one of the southern states. Mr. and Mrs. Damon now have one daughter, Glenn C., sixteen years of age, now a student in Dixon College, at Dixon, Illinois. Socially Mr. Damon is connected with Howard Post, G. A. R., of DeWitt, and with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and is deeply interested in the growth and success of his party. He has served as assessor of his town for twenty-two years and for twelve years has served as mayor of Calamus, filling the position at the present time. No higher proof of his capability and fidelity could be given than the fact that he has been so long continued in the office through the vote of the people, who have thus manifested their confidence in his loyalty and efficiency. Upright and honorable, broad-minded and liberal-hearted, and possessing a character of superior qualifications, he enjoys the merited respect and high esteem of his numerous friends.

AMOS G. EWING.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate, as far as possible, the name of any worthy citizen, who by his blameless and honorable life reflects credit on the community in which he lived. For almost a quarter of a century Mr. Ewing

was not only prominently identified with the business interests of Clinton, but also labored for the bettering of the world about him, and when called to the rest and reward of the higher life his best monument was found in the love and respect of the community in which he lived.

Mr. Ewing was born in Oakdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1837, and was the son of John P. and Sarah (Thompson) Ewing, who were of Scotch-Irish descent. He spent his boyhood and youth in his native state. He had excellent educational advantages in early life, and was graduated with honors from Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, in the class of 1859. His warm heart and cheery disposition made him a great favorite among the students of that institution, and he was one of the honored contestants chosen by the literary society, of which he was a member. For a time after his graduation Mr. Ewing taught school in the south. In 1866 he came to Clinton, Iowa, where he engaged in the mercantile business for about ten years and in 1876 became connected with the lumber firms of W. J. Young and C. Lamb & Son. At the time of his death he was treasurer of Peterson, Bell & Company, box manufacturers and lumber dealers.

On the 11th of December, 1871, Mr. Ewing was united in marriage with Miss Stella C. Coan, daughter of the late William F. Coan, and to them were born three children, Katherine, Sarah and Claudius C.

As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, Mr. Ewing took a deep interest in municipal affairs and served as a member of the city council for several years. He was a member of the Masonic order of the thirty-second degree, and for four years previous to his death was president of the

Young Men's Christian Association. For twenty-five years he was an active and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as a ruling elder for more than twenty years. In all the relations of life he was true to every trust reposed in him and commanded universal confidence and respect. After an illness of twenty-four hours, surrounded by his family, Mr. Ewing entered into rest in the full triumph of the faith in which he had lived, on the 11th of April, 1900.

ELI H. BURDICK.

Among the honored veterans of the Civil war who make their home in Clinton is the subject of this sketch, who has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway since 1871. He was born in Caledonia county, New York, on the 15th of August, 1836, and is a son of Dr. Harris C. and Sally (Churchill) Burdick. The father was a native of the Green Mountain state, and was a self-educated as well as a self-made man. He took up the study of medicine under local physicians, and devoted the latter part of his life to the practice of his chosen profession. He spent many years in Iowa, living at different places, and died at Grand Junction, this state, in 1899, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was quite well known and was highly respected in the various communities where he resided. His wife died in Boone, Iowa, when about seventy-eight years of age. They had a family of five sons and five daughters, of whom six are still living, namely: Electa, wife of Benson Hall, of Wisconsin; Almira, wife of Lorenzo Mosier of Clinton, Iowa; Eli H., our subject; Z. C., a resident of Floyd county, Iowa; F. D., of

Nevada, this state; and Le Roy, of Denver, Colorado. Jerome, who died in January, 1901, was a soldier of the Civil war, as was also Z. C.

The public schools of DeKalb and Kane counties, Illinois, afforded our subject his educational advantages, but he was only able to attend school during the winter, while he worked at various occupations during the summer months until seventeen years of age. He began his railroad career as a brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, when the road only extended to Blackberry, east of Maple Park.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Burdick enlisted in September, 1861, in Company B, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, under Colonel John Farnsworth. After serving eighteen months, he was wounded in battle and from the effects of the same lost his voice. He was confined in the hospital at Alexandria, Virginia, for some time, but when the President issued his call for one-hundred-day men, he again enlisted and remained at the front until hostilities ceased. He saw some very hard service, and was in a number of important engagements. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., and returned to his home in DeKalb county, Illinois.

Mr. Burdick first went to work as carpenter for the Chicago & Northwestern in 1871. In 1872 he worked on the water works of the company. His first work on a train was braking on the old Chicago & Dixon Air Line Railroad, now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern, when it was extended to Blackberry. Getting hurt he was off the road for a number of years, this was some years before coming to Clinton. After engaging in carpenter work for a time, he then began firing, continuing as fireman until July 1, 1881, when he en-

gaged as engineer on the East Iowa Division. He was in the freight service until 1898, when he was given a switch engine in the yards, but on account of ill health brought on by exposure, he has been off duty for some time. He was fireman on engine No. 229 when air-driver brakes were first put on this road, and during his service has seen many other changes and improvements made in railroading.

Mr. Burdick was married, in June, 1870, to Miss Mary A. Vandewater, who was born in Hillsdale, Michigan, in 1846, and is the only surviving member of her family. She was reared and educated in her native state. Her parents, Peter and Eleanor Vandewater, were farming people, and died in Michigan. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Burdick were born eight children, but one died in infancy; and Callie died at the age of ten years. Those living are Arthur D., a mail carrier of Clinton; Frank A., who is also a carrier and resides in Clinton; Leon E., who is in the employ of the Crane Company at Chicago; Della A., who is teaching in the public schools of Clinton and lives with her brother; Jay J., who is engaged in the Lamb mill at Clinton; and Halla M., who attends the public schools. All have received good common school educations. Mr. Burdick is an honored member of the Grand Army Post, No. 88, at Clinton, and Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., and is held in the highest respect by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

PROFESSOR B. J. HEFLIN.

In this age of intellectual activity, when success in business depends not upon mere physical prowess, but upon mental activity,

the work of the educator has become of even greater importance than ever before, and one of his most important functions is in connection with the department in which the young are trained for the practical duties of the commercial and industrial world. Prominent among the educators of Iowa who are devoting their time and attention to this special branch of the profession is B. J. Heflin, president of the Clinton Business College.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Galesburg, Knox county, December 23, 1863, and is a son of Alexander and Matilda (Brown) Heflin, who are also natives of the Prairie state and are still residents of Galesburg. Our subject began his education in the public schools of that city, and later attended the Dixon Normal School in 1887, after which he successfully engaged in teaching school in Knox county for two years. Subsequently he took a business course at Davenport and was graduated in 1891. He taught there for a year, and for about a year and a half engaged in bookkeeping in Davenport.

At the end of that time, in 1892, Professor Heflin came to Clinton, and entered the Clinton Business College, which was incorporated the following year and re-incorporated in 1894, the officers being B. J. Heflin, president; M. S. Jordan, secretary and treasurer; and A. S. Burge, vice-president; all of Clinton. The present officers are B. J. Heflin, president; J. C. Wohlenberg, secretary; and Anna M. Jordan, vice-president. For the past eight years the college has been located at the corner of Third avenue and Second street. The yearly enrollment is about two hundred and over five hundred have graduated from the school, the class of 1901 containing fifty-two. Both bookkeeping and

stenography are taught, the Munson system of shorthand being used, and a single course, either the commercial or shorthand, requires six months to complete and the double course ten months. The school occupies the second story of the Frahm and Geiger blocks, with a floor space ninety by eighty feet, which is divided into offices and class rooms for practical work. In the management of his school Professor Heflin has been eminently successful. With a correct appreciation of the responsibility that devolves upon the teacher, he has ably prepared himself for his profession and is making continual advancement along lines of educational progress, each year witnessing an improvement in his methods of instruction. Professor Heflin was married in 1897 to Miss Gertrude Garrett, of Clinton, and to them has been born one son, Garrett.

WILLIAM R. HIGH.

Among the thrifty and enterprising farmers of Orange township is numbered William R. High, who owns and operates a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 27. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1828, and is a son of Mathias High, who was a native of the same county and a representative of an old and honored Pennsylvania family. By occupation the father was a potter and farmer. He is a lineal descendant of Heinrich and Eve Pennypacker. Heinrich Pennypacker was born in 1673 and was the founder of the Pennypacker family in America, and at one time owner of the mill which was Washington's headquarters at the battle of Germantown, near Philadelphia.

In the county of his nativity William R. High grew to manhood, and in early life learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade. In 1848 he went to St. Louis, where he followed that occupation for two years, and then returned to Pennsylvania. In 1852 he came to Iowa, and for over ten years he and his brother, James A. High, were engaged in the livery business in Davenport. He came to Clinton county in 1865, and purchased eighty acres of land in Orange township, where he now resides. Upon this place a small house had been erected, and to the further improvement and cultivation of his farm he at once turned his attention. He has remodeled the residence, built a barn and other outbuildings, tiled and fenced the land and set out shade trees. He also bought an adjoining tract of eighty acres, and now has a well improved and valuable farm.

During his residence in Davenport, Mr. High was married, October 2, 1855, to Miss Mary Lowry, who was born and reared in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and early in the '50s came to Iowa with her father, Louis Lowry, who lived for some time in Scott county and then removed to Clinton county. Mrs. High died October 14, 1900, and was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, DeWitt, where a substantial monument has been erected to her memory. She was the mother of four children, who are still living, namely: Richard, Henry, and Robert, who are now carrying on the home farm and also run a steam threshing machine and corn sheller in season; and Edith M., who keeps house for her father and brothers. In the family were five children, now deceased: Jessie, Thomas, Mary and Sarah, who all died in early childhood; and Clara, who died at the age of ten years.

In politics Mr. High is independent, vot-

ing for the best men regardless of party. For thirty-six years he has been a resident of this county and is widely and favorably known, having a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

CHARLES W. KOONS.

One of the well-known citizens of Clinton is Charles William Koons, who was born in this city, July 26, 1863, a son of William and Phillippi (Retallick) Koons. His entire life has here been passed and in the public schools he acquired his education. At the age of eighteen he put aside his text-books and began work in the saw-mills of the city, assisting the engineer. In 1886, however, he entered the railway service, going upon the road as fireman, in which capacity he served for five years, running between Clinton and Belle Plaine. In 1891 he was promoted to the position of engineer and was on the road for two years. In 1893 he went on one of the switch engines in the yards of Clinton, and has since been continued in that position. His retention in the service through a period of fifteen years is unmistakable proof of his reliability and trustworthiness and indicates the confidence reposed in him by those whom he serves.

Mr. Koons is quite prominent in Masonic circles and belongs to the blue lodge, the chapter and the commandery. He has also taken the Scottish Rite degree, attaining the thirty-second in the consistory at Clinton, and is a member of El Kahir Temple, the Mystic Shrine, at Cedar Rapids. He has never held office in these organizations, owing to the demands of his business upon his time, but attends all the meetings and conventions of the order, and is an

exemplary representative of the craft. He also belongs to Clinton Division, No. 125, B. of L. E., with which he has been identified since 1892. He makes his home with his mother in the residence which was erected by his father when the site was all farmland, but now it is in the midst of a populous district. Mr. Koons has a wide acquaintance in his native city and his social qualities and business integrity have made him popular with many friends.

JOSEPH BORBECK.

There is no element which has entered into our composite national fabric which has been of more practical strength, value and utility than that furnished by the sturdy, persevering and honorable sons of Germany, and in the progress of our country this element has played an important part. Among the most prominent German-American citizens now residing in Lyons is Joseph Borbeck, a member of the firm of Ingwersen & Borbeck, wholesale and retail lumber dealers.

Mr. Borbeck was born in Suedlohn, Westfalen, Germany, October 31, 1859, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Lohberg) Borbeck, who spent their entire lives in that country, as did also his paternal grandfather, Christopher Borbeck, who was landlord of a hotel. The father also engaged in the hotel business and conducted a brewery. He died in 1873, and his wife departed this life when our subject was quite young.

Joseph Borbeck was left an orphan at an early age and fell heir to his father's property, including the hotel and brewery, which he sold on attaining his majority. He then learned the baker's trade, which he followed

until coming to America. He also served three years in the German army. Before leaving his native land he was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Temming, who was also born in that country. Her father, G. A. Temming, came to the new world and settled in Lyons, Iowa, where he lived retired until his death. Our subject and his wife have eight children, namely: Lizzetta, Emilie, Mary, Emma, Frank, Josephine, Henry and Agnes.

In April, 1884, Mr. and Mrs. Borbeck took passage on a vessel bound for New York, where they landed on the 6th of May, and from that city they came direct to Lyons, Iowa, where he worked for his uncle, F. Lohberg, Sr., in the lumber business, until 1891, when his cousin, Frank Lohberg, Jr., succeeded to the business, and he remained with him for six years. At the end of that time he formed a partnership with N. E. Ingwersen and J. F. T. Stamm, and purchased the business, which they have since carried on under the firm name of Ingwersen & Borbeck. They have a large yard and planing mill in the north part of the city, with the office and retail yard at the corner of Eighth and Main streets, Lyons, and do both a wholesale and retail lumber business. They are meeting with excellent success, having built up a good trade, and rank among the leading business men of the city. Besides his business property Mr. Borbeck owns a home in Lyons.

In politics he is independent. Socially he is a charter member of Lodge No. 3, Woodmen of the World at Lyons; is a trustee of the German Society there; president of the German Workingmen's Association of Lyons; and a director of the Citizens' Building Association of Lyons. A man of keen perception, of great sagacity, of unbounded enterprise, he has prospered in his

undertakings and without the aid or influence or wealth has risen to a position among the most prominent business men of his adopted city, his native genius and acquired ability being the stepping stones on which he has mounted.

WILLIAM FOLWELL COAN.

Prominent among the early business men of Clinton, Iowa, was William Folwell Coan, who was closely identified with the banking interests of that city for many years. He was born in Lodi, Seneca county, New York, on the 1st of March, 1820, and was a son of Dr. Claudius and Sara (Folwell) Coan, both now deceased. His paternal ancestors came originally from Worms, Germany, about 1715, and he started in life with the heritage of an honorable and strongly intelligent ancestry. He was educated at the Ovid Academy in his native state.

On the 16th of August, 1842, at Trumansburg, New York, Mr. Coan married Miss Catherine L. Peck, who survives him, and they became the parents of five children namely: Frances Louisa, who was married June 28, 1865, to Walter I. Hayes, now deceased; Stella Caroline, who was married December 21, 1871, to the late Amos Greer Ewing; Helen Claudine, who was married October 15, 1879, to the late Dr. A. Homer Smith; Claudius Collins, who was married October 12, 1887, to Ernestine Nock, of Rome, New York; and William Folwell, who was married December 11, 1883, to Mary Alice Welles.

In May, 1857, Mr. Coan came with his family to Clinton, Iowa, and the following year opened a private banking house at the corner of Fifth avenue and First street,

where he remained in business until 1870. When the Clinton National Bank was founded, February 5, 1865, he became its president and held that office until his death, when he was succeeded by his son, Claudius Collins, while his son, William Folwell, was made cashier. The present bank building was erected in 1870.

As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, Mr. Coan was prominently identified with the organization and advancement of various enterprises, and did much to promote the interests of Clinton and the county. It was through his instrumentality that the Midland and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroads were built through the county, the water works and gas companies formed, and the public schools established. From the time he located here until his death he was an active member and trustee of the Presbyterian church. He died of apoplexy January 15, 1886, and was laid to rest in Springdale, he being the first purchaser of a lot in the original plat of that cemetery. The most pleasant legacy to his children was his honored name, and the love and esteem which all classes of society gave him, more especially the poorer and less fortunate ones, who were sincere mourners at his death. He gave to them not only the best of advice in their difficulties, but assisted them financially, tiding them over hard places and starting them in their business careers, and many attribute their success to his timely assistance.

HENRY WALKER.

In the pioneer epoch in the history of this section of Iowa, Henry Walker came to Clinton county, and has been an important

factor in its substantial development and permanent improvement. He has seen its wild lands transformed into fine farms, while industrial and commercial interests have been introduced and thus towns have become thriving cities. In the work of progress he has borne his part and has been particularly active as a representative of the agricultural interests of the county, but is now living a retired life on the old homestead in Elk River township, where his father's family located in 1847.

Mr. Walker was born in Vermont, February 5, 1832, and is a son of William and Eliza (Rhynebeck) Walker, both natives of Ireland, and the latter of Scotch descent. Soon after their marriage in 1825, they emigrated to America and settled in the Green Mountain state, where the father purchased property and engaged in farming for some time. In 1836 he removed to Columbia county, New York, where he engaged in the same occupation upon rented land for ten years, and then started west in company with his wife and family. They journeyed by way of the Erie canal from Albany to Buffalo, New York, and by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago, which was then a mere trading post. By ox teams they proceeded to Sabula, Jackson county, Iowa, where they arrived after four weeks spent upon the road, it requiring two weeks to make the journey from Chicago. Our subject walked the most of that distance, hunting game for the sustenance of the family along the way. After spending about six weeks in Sabula, they located on section 3, Elk River township, where the father operated a rented farm for about a year. In 1847 he purchased forty acres of wild land on the same section, it being now the property of our subject. At the time of purchase he erected the house which is still in

good condition and is now used as a stable. It has the same shingles which were placed there when it was built in 1847, and which were made by hand by the subject, who at that time also manufactured shingles for neighboring farmers. The father made his home upon that farm throughout the remainder of his life with the exception of seven years spent in Lyons. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and was called upon to serve as township trustee and fill other minor offices. He died in 1877, at the age of seventy-four years, honored and respected by all who knew him, and his wife departed this life in 1858, at the age of fifty-two, the remains of both being interred at Teeds Grove.

Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, namely: George, who died in 1872, and is also buried at Teeds Grove; Robert, who went to California with the gold seekers in 1849 and is still a resident of that state; Byron, who died in Miles, Iowa; Henry, our subject; Wesley, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company A, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and is now engaged in farming in Nebraska; Jason and Dedwick, who both died in New York state; Jane, wife of J. S. Walker, of Preston, Jackson county, Iowa.

Henry Walker began his education in the common schools of the Empire state, and after the removal of the family to Iowa he attended school in Elk River township, this county, for a time. He aided in the arduous task of opening up a new farm, and broke prairie with six yoke of oxen. He is now the owner of the old homestead, which is a well improved farm, and has added considerably to the area of his land. He still has in his possession the original papers deeding this property to his father,

signed by President Jackson. For many years he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and although he still occupies the house he now rents the farm and is living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest.

In 1858 Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Benson, a native of New York state, who came here with her brothers and sisters and engaged in teaching school prior to her marriage. The only child born of this union died in infancy, and the wife and mother passed away February 7, 1869, being laid to rest in Teeds Grove cemetery.

Mr. Walker was again married in October, 1869, his second union being with Miss Belle B. Darling, a daughter of Charles and Amanda (Nenson) Darling, both of whom were natives of Dutchess county, New York, and on first coming west in 1846 located in Wisconsin, but in 1852 removed to Clinton county, Iowa, settling on section 17, Elk River township, where Mr. Darling purchased a quarter section of land. There he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1891, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife died in 1894, at the age of sixty-eight, and both were buried at Teeds Grove. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. His children were Belle B., wife of our subject; Frank J., an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and a resident of Clinton; Charles Llewellyn, who died in 1901; and George H., who lives on his father's place on section 17, Elk River township. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have one child, Grace D., who is now the wife of Willis J. Shadduck, of Miles, Jackson county, Iowa, and they have four children, Mabel, Homer, Gladys and Wayne.

By his ballot Mr. Walker supports the

men and measures of the Republican party, and in religious faith he is a Methodist, he and his family holding membership in the church of that denomination at Teeds Grove. He can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life in this county. When the family first located in Elk River township there were only two houses between their place and Lyons, and only one between there and Maquoketa. In those early days a number of neighbors would drive to Chicago with their grain and after disposing of it would buy merchandise, which they would bring back, starting on Monday morning, and if the weather was good arriving home on Saturday night. During his long residence in this county Mr. Walker's life has been such as to commend him to the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and there is probably no man in his township that is held in higher regard or has more warm friends.

L. PAUL WALTER, M. D.

One of the most prominent physicians and surgeons now engaged in practice in Clinton, Iowa, is Dr. L. Paul Walter. He was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 24th of January, 1857, and is a son of Jeremiah and Jane (Barack) Walter. His paternal grandfather was Daniel Walter, a native of Pennsylvania and of old Pennsylvania Dutch stock. He was one of the pioneers of Chillicothe, Ohio, and later made his home near Bucyrus. The Doctor's maternal grandfather, Alexander Barack, was also a native of the Keystone state, and an early settler of Bucyrus, Ohio. Jeremiah Walter, our subject's father, was born near Chilli-

cothe, and was reared within three miles of his birthplace. As an occupation he followed farming and stock dealing, and dealt quite extensively in horses.

Dr. Walter was reared upon the home farm and acquired his early education in the public school nearest his home, though it was a mile and a quarter distant. His father being ill, he assumed the management of the farm at the age of thirteen years, taking care of a large amount of stock. Feeling the need of a better education and his father not being willing to send him away to school, Dr. Walter decided to earn the money with which to pay his own expenses, and obtained a position in Cleveland, where he sold books in parts, that system having just been introduced. He worked hard and met with good success, saving over one thousand dollars besides buying himself some good clothes.

Returning home in the fall, the Doctor invested five hundred dollars in two colts, Sea Foam and Minnie W., and with his remaining capital went to Bucyrus and entered the high school, where he remained until he was graduated at the age of eighteen. He not only paid his own expenses, but while a student there he did his own cooking. In the meantime he broke the colts and trained them for racing. When sixteen Sea Foam earned him two thousand dollars, and the following year won a ten thousand-dollar stake at Chicago and got a mark of two eighteen and a quarter when two seventeen and a half was the world's record. When the racing season ended that fall the Doctor found that he had twenty-one thousand dollars, which was sufficient to put him through school. He commenced the study of medicine and surgery with Professor Holderman, of Starling Medical

College, Columbus, Ohio, and soon began giving anesthetics in the hospital, while a year later he was made assistant surgeon. He completed the course at college and passed the required examination at the end of two years, but not being old enough to receive a license to practice, he was not graduated until the following year, in the meantime his attention being devoted to hospital work. After his graduation he engaged in general practice at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, for three years, and at the end of that time sold out there and took a special course of lectures at Bellevue Medical College, New York City. He then went to Europe and spent some time in Guy's Hospital, London, England, and also visited hospitals in Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Edinburgh and other places, making a special study of the methods in use there.

On his return to this country, Dr. Walter located in Chicago, where he engaged in special practice with most excellent success until failing health necessitated his removal from the city in 1898. He then spent nine months in Morrison, Illinois, and in 1900 came to Clinton, Iowa, where he has already succeeded in building up a fine practice in his line. He is a close and thorough student, a man of deep research, and his investigations into the science of medicine and his skillful application of the knowledge thereby obtained has won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity.

Dr. Walter married Miss Mary Van Gunday, of Sycamore, Ohio, and to them has been born a son, Paul B. Socially the Doctor is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Dearborn Lodge, F. & A. M.; of the Chapter, R. A. M.; Apollo Commandery, K. T.; and Medinah Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, all of Chicago. He also belongs

to Tiffin Lodge, No. 94, B. P. O. E.; and Lodge, No. 174, K. P., of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, being the first past chancellor of the latter lodge.

M. P. KROIGAARD.

The subject of this sketch, who is a well-known farmer residing on section 31, Bloomfield township, was born on the 15th of September, 1832, in Slavewick, Denmark, where his parents, Peter C. and Mattie M. (Madamader) Kroigaard, spent their entire lives. He was the second in order of birth in their family of six children, the others being as follows: Christen, who married Catherine Juhl, now deceased, and resides in Slavewick; Jorgen, who married Ellen Nissen and lives in Clinton, Iowa; Cecelia, widow of Hans Fuglsang and a resident of Maquoketa, Iowa; Anna, wife of William Fugelie, of Miles, Iowa; and Christine, who first married Christen Paulson and second Henry Fleming.

Mr. Kroigaard grew to manhood in his native land, for which country he fought bravely in the war between Denmark and Germany in 1864-5. The following six years he spent working on a farm in Denmark. In the spring of 1871 he came to the United States, the voyage being made by steamer in thirteen days. On landing in New York, he proceeded at once to Chicago, and from there went to Sabula, Iowa, where he worked on a farm. On the 16th of February, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Else Maria Lund. The next two years he spent in working in a sawmill and packing house. During the following two years he was employed as a farm hand by Joseph O. Day, and then

rented Mr. Dickerson's farm near Sabula, Jackson county, for one year. At the end of that time he came to Clinton county, and rented the Hey farm near Malone for two years. The following two years were spent on the farm of Mr. Brown, in Berlin township, and for four years he rented the Rislely farm in the same township. On the expiration of that period he bought an eighty-acre farm on section 31, Bloomfield township, and section 36, Brookfield township. This place, with the help of his true and hard-working wife and family, he has greatly improved by the erection of a good house and barn, and in connection with its operation is successfully engaged in raising cattle for market.

Mrs. Kroigaard, who was also born in Slavewick, Denmark, October 24, 1842, is a daughter of John P. and Mattie M. (Sorensen) Lund. Her parents were farming people and life-long residents of Denmark, where the father died in 1851, and the mother on the 25th of December, 1881. They were both members of the Danish Lutheran church and most estimable people. In their family were five children, namely: Annie Maria, wife of Andres Hoist, of Delmar, Iowa; Else Maria, wife of our subject; Christina, who died at the age of three years; Rasmus, who married Cenia Mickelson and resides in Denmark; and William, who married Cenia Christensen and is engaged in the tailoring business in Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Kroigaard have two children: Minnie Magdalene, born March 29, 1874, was married February 28, 1900, to Carsten Neilsen Schmidt, and lives on their farm in Welton township, this county; and Peter Johansen, born May 10, 1876, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm.

Mrs. Kroigaard came to the new world

on the steamer Saxsonia, the machinery of which broke during the voyage, causing a delay of several days. At length, after twenty-five days spent upon the water she landed in New York, September 30, 1871. There was a great deal of sickness on board and two passengers died and were buried at sea. From New York Mrs. Kroigaard went to Sabula, Iowa, which journey occupied one week, as the passenger service, especially for emigrants, was very poor at that time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kroigaard are members of the Danish Lutheran church, of honest and kind character, and he is a Republican in politics. He has always refused to hold office, but takes considerable interest in public affairs, as every true American citizen should.



LUCIAN C. CHAMPLIN.

Among the well-known and estimable citizens of Clinton, Iowa, who, since August, 1887, has been a trusted employe for the Chicago & Missouri Railroad Company, is Lucian C. Champlin, who was born in Springport, Michigan, on November 25, 1865. His parents were William and Lucinda (Nelson) Champlin, both of whom died on the home farm in Michigan.

William Champlin, the father of our subject, was born in Saybrook, Connecticut, and early in life moved to New York, from thence to Michigan, where the remainder of his life was passed. Although an entirely self-educated man he became prosperous and at the time of his decease owned two hundred and forty acres of Michigan land. The mother of our subject died in 1871, aged thirty-six years, but the father survived until 1891, having reached eighty-

three years. To them were born five sons and one daughter, one son dying at the age of nine years, the others being: Lucian C., of this biography; Leslie, who resides on the homestead in Michigan; Orson, who is a farmer in Michigan; Erastus who is also a farmer in Michigan, and Dora, who is the wife of Walter Reynolds, and lives in Vail, Iowa.

Lucian C. Champlin acquired his education in the district schools of Michigan and remained at home assisting his father on the farm until he was eighteen years of age. He then found employment in saw and planing mills, but in 1883 took up the career in which he has attained success. His first employment in railroad work was on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, where for eighteen months he faithfully performed the duties of brakeman, in 1885 being promoted and for two years was engaged in running trains, with headquarters at Hillsdale, Michigan. The following ten years were spent in braking for the Chicago & Missouri between Clinton and Boone and Belle Plaine. In 1897 his faithful services were rewarded by promotion to the position of conductor and since that date he has been one of the most careful and reliable officers of the road, no accidents having happened under his management.

The marriage of Mr. Champlin was in Clinton in 1888, to Miss Margaret Maul, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, in 1863, and came to Clinton when but five years of age. She was a daughter of Philip Maul, who was a valued employe of the sawmill and still resides in Clinton. Mrs. Champlin is a very intelligent lady and acquired her education in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Champlin have a very pleasant home in Clinton, where he purchased a lot and erected a residence in

1900, this being fitted with all modern improvements and one of the most desirable homes in the city. Mr. Champlin has attained his success entirely through his own efforts and enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

Fraternally, Mr. Champlin belongs to the Masonic order, Blue Lodge, of Clinton, Iowa; of encampment, I. O. O. F., and of B. of R. T., No. 183, which order he joined in Michigan in 1885, when it was in its infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Champlin are members of the Rebekahs, in which Mrs. Champlin has passed all the chairs and was the first treasurer of the order, taking a deep interest in lodge work.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Maul, the parents of Mrs. Champlin, reared a family of fifteen children, all of whom are still surviving except one son who was killed at Galesburg, Illinois, on the railroad, two children who died in childhood and one who died in infancy.

M. F. McMEEL, M. D.

Among the prominent professional men of Lost Nation, Sharon township, Clinton county, Iowa, is Dr. M. F. McMeel, who is a native of Delaware county, Iowa, where he was born on July 17, 1868.

Dr. McMeel acquired his education in the common schools of his native county and began his medical course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, and graduated there in the class of 1893. In the same year he located for practice in the village of Lost Nation. His office is situated in the drug store of his brother, James H. Dr. McMeel was married to Miss Margaret McFadden, of Clinton, and their one child bears the name of Gliddon

F. Dr. McMeel has a large and lucrative practice, much of it being in the country surrounding Lost Nation. His skill and ability have been generally recognized, and there is just reason to believe that the future holds for him high professional honors.

James H. McMeel, the proprietor of the well-appointed drug store of Lost Nation, was born in New York City, on October 24, 1854, and came west with his family in 1855, when they settled in Delhi, Delaware county, Iowa. After finishing his education he engaged in the mercantile business in that place for five years, and for two years carried on a drug business, moving then to Manchester, Iowa, where he conducted drug business for one and one-half years. Mr. McMeel then engaged in farming near Manchester for eight years, coming then to Lost Nation, where he engaged in a drug business, carrying also in connection a full line of stationery, paints, oils and wall paper. Mr. McMeel was married to Miss Mary Ellis, of Sharon township, and their three children are: James H., Guenderland and Bernard.

JANS L. BOHNSON.

Among the prominent and successful citizens of Clinton is Jans Bohnsen, the efficient secretary of the Fourth Street Building Association, and who also conducts a prosperous real estate and insurance business in this city.

The birth of Mr. Bohnsen was in Holstein, Germany, on May 17, 1864, and he was a son of Bangick and Catherine (Jensen) Bohson, the former of whom was a son of Jans Bohnsen, and was born in Germany in 1826. Bangick Bohnsen was

reared on a farm and followed an agricultural life all his days. In 1882, with his family, he came to the United States, locating in Clinton, where for some years he has lived a retired life. His sons were as follows: Jans, Iwer N., John N., Ansenf and Barney.

Mr. Bohnsen, of this sketch, was reared on a farm, coming to America with his parents, and beginning his business career as a clerk in a general store. Later he entered the employ of Curtis Brothers, in the blind department of their mills, where he remained until he went as a clerk into the employ of P. Davis & Company, whose store was then located on the corner of Harrison and Liberty streets, but which was later completely destroyed by fire. Mr. Bohnsen then entered the employ of G. Haywood & Son, becoming bookkeeper for this house, and remained with them until he became connected with the Fourth Street Building Association.

In 1895 Mr. Bohnsen was elected secretary of this association, which was established in 1873 with but small capital. Since that time, with efficient officers, this enterprise has been enlarged until it has grown to be the leading business association of the city. The officers of the company are: S. C. Leeman, president; A. Jensen, vice-president; P. Bainster, treasurer; and our subject, secretary. About the same date Mr. Bohnsen established a real estate and insurance business, which he has conducted successfully ever since, and has become one of the leading citizens of this city.

The marriage of Mr. Bohnsen was to Miss Edith Dunfee, who was a daughter of N. J. Dunfee, of Clinton, Iowa, and the two children born to them are: Than L. and Roland D. Mr. and Mrs. Bohnsen occupy a fine residence on the corner of Tenth

avenue and Eighth street, where they dispense a generous hospitality. Socially, Mr. Bohnsen is connected with American Lodge, No. 567, I. O. O. F., and Encampment, and is an ex-member of the K. of P.

MARCUS E. BROWN, M. D.

Since 1878 the city of Clinton, Iowa, has been the home of Dr. Marcus E. Brown, and here he has won distinction as a physician and surgeon. His birth was in Otego, Otsego county, New York, on November 2, 1836, and he was a son of Jonathan and Almira (Weaver) Brown, farming people of that locality.

Until he was fourteen years of age, young Marcus Brown attended school and assisted on the farm, but at that time made a trip to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, in order to visit a sister, Mrs. A. V. Van Sickle, who resided in the village of Warren. Not long after reaching there our subject found employment in the store of M. J. Bartes, later becoming a clerk in the hotel of Mr. Landow, who highly appreciated his services. His uncle, Dr. I. Weaver, a successful physician, offered him a chance to study medicine under his supervision, but on account of poor health he went to Virginia, where he had a plantation. Just at this time the Civil war broke out and he returned North, and our subject finished his medical studies with him at Cincinnati, Ohio.

On July 1, 1861, Dr. Brown enlisted for service during the Civil war, being mustered in at St. Louis and serving at the arsenal until he was assigned to duty at Quincy, Illinois, where he was attached to a Missouri regiment. Shortly after, during

a skirmish with guerillas, he was shot in the leg and his horse was killed, and he was thrown on a log, the knots of which pierced his back, and from this injury he has never recovered. After a long period in the hospitals he was given charge of Ward No. 1, at Rolla, Missouri. In 1865 he was sent to Washington City and had charge of a hospital ward there until 1866, returning at that date to Quincy, Illinois, and entering into practice in association with Dr. Lewis.

The following ten years were employed in active work in his profession, in which he was eminently successful, being frequently called to different parts of the country on special cases. After two years spent in Jo Daviess county he located at Dixon, Illinois, where he formed a partnership with Dr. Stephenson and Dr. Seymour, in 1878 coming to Clinton. Locating on the second floor of the Fall block, Dr. Brown established the Northern Medical and Surgical Institute, which he has thoroughly equipped with all modern improvements, fitting up for vapor, Turkish and electric baths. Two years later, Dr. Brown assumed entire control of the institute, but this impaled upon him so much personal exertion that his health failed, and, after continuing the business for three more years, he finally closed the institute, much to the regret of those who had benefited by its modes of treatment. Since that time he has devoted his life to a general medical and surgical practice, and although somewhat retired, he still is called upon and relied in by many of those who were his patients when he first located in Clinton. Since 1900 his health has been such that he has been compelled to relinquish all office practice, responding only to special calls in surgery.

Dr. Brown was married to Miss Adelia C. Hosmun, who was a daughter of Frederick and Carrie (Baker) Hosmun. The former was born in Aron, Prussia, and was a son of Ernest Hosmun, of the same locality. Mr. Hosmun came to Clinton in 1865, where he opened up a bakery and confectionery business, became very prosperous, owned considerable real estate, built two business blocks, one of which his wife still owns, which is located on Second street. His death occurred in 1879, at the age of forty-two years. Mrs. Hosmun was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Blattner) Baker, both of whom were born in Switzerland. Mrs. Brown has one brother, Henry Hosmun, who by trade is an engineer.

The three children born to Dr. and Mrs. Brown were: Elmira Elizabeth, who graduated from the high school at Clinton, and is now a bookkeeper for a large wholesale produce company of this city; Beulah and Thera. Socially Dr. Brown is a member of the G. A. R., where he enjoys the esteem of his comrades in arms.

J. R. JOHNSON, M. D.

Among the prominent and successful physicians of Clinton, Iowa, who for many years has been a conscientious and skilled practitioner, is Dr. J. R. Johnson, whose name and fame is known over a wide extent of country.

The birth of Dr. Johnson was at Camanche, Clinton county, Iowa, on March 21, 1871, and he was a son of J. D. and Dicy Ann (Ausbaugh) Johnson, the former of whom was a native of England, and the

latter of Iowa. She belonged to one of the pioneer families of the state, and her father was one of the early stage drivers and mail carriers in the locality of Danville, Iowa. John Johnson, who is the father of our subject, came to this country about 1870, later removing to Montgomery, Iowa. His trade was that of plow maker and as his business demanded, he changed his location, but with the exception of the years included between 1874 and 1883, during which time he lived in Illinois, his home has been in the great state of Iowa. At present Mr. Johnson and family are located at Massena, Cass county, Iowa, where he conducts a general blacksmith business.

Dr. Johnson, of this biography, was one of a family of fourteen children born to his parents, eleven of whom still survive, these being: Our subject; Victor; Charles V.; Tenie; Alice; Bessie; Nellie; May; James; William and Harry.

The early education of our subject was pursued in the public schools of Illinois, but he later became an apt student at Highland Park Normal College at Des Moines, Iowa, and still later at the S. S. Still College of Osteopathy, at Des Moines, at which great institution he graduated with the degree of D. O., in 1900. Immediately after he began the practice of his profession, in Clinton, Iowa, and his success was most flattering from the beginning. His name has become known throughout the country, through his success in treating various distinguished patients, whose indorsements have been willingly and gratefully given.

The system of treatment adopted by Dr. Johnson, called Osteopathy, may thus be briefly explained. It is curing by means of mechanical manipulations. Two systems of mechanical treatment, massage and Swedish

movements, have for many years been known and endorsed by the medical profession. Osteopathy is of more recent development than either of the above, and far superior to these.

The Osteopathist looks upon the human body as being in a state of health only when every organ is in place and performing its perfect work. When there is disorder, the physician of this method of treatment operates upon two lines, the first of these being to correct any malpositions or strained conditions found to exist in the framework of the body, having made a special study of the construction and being prepared to correct any defects. His second great resource lies in scientific manipulations by which the nervous system can be depressed or stimulated in whole or in part, arguing that in many instances the use of internal remedies is simply substituting an artificial force or element for one which the system itself should exert or produce. Dr. Johnson claims that Osteopathy is effective in the treatment of all classes of diseases, but is especially successful in chronic cases of constipation, dysentery, and other bowel and stomach troubles; in quinsy, tonsilitis, goiter, rheumatism, nervous disorders, blood and skin diseases, and in female troubles. That he is justified in his confidence in his system of medicine may be gathered by the volumes of unsolicited testimony he is constantly receiving.

The marriage of Dr. Johnson was at Massena, Iowa, to Miss Ida May Longworth, a resident of that place, and one child has been born to this union,—Russell, now three years of age. Both the Doctor and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Baptist church, in which he was a minister for four years at Conway, and three years at Gravity, Iowa. Dr. John-

son is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Clinton and a leading physician in the West in his chosen branch of medicine.

M. C. OSBORN, M. D.

The death of Dr. M. C. Osborn at his home in Delmar, Iowa, on April 23, 1894, removed from social and professional life one of the leading and influential citizens of this part of the state.

Dr. Osborn was a native of Concord, New Hampshire, where he was born on December 18, 1856, and he was a son of Thomas F. and Jane (Merrill) Osborn, both of whom were natives of the same New England state. Our subject was but one year old when his parents moved to Benton county, Iowa, and there Mr. Osborn purchased a farm located four miles from Walker, where, in 1874, the mother of our subject died. The father resides in Walker and has extensive farm interests in the surrounding country. Dr. Osborn was one in a family of six children born to his parents, and was the eldest of the family, the others being: John, who is settled on the homestead farm at Walker, with wife and one son; Sarah Evans, deceased; Edward, who married Florence Hurd, resides in Benton county, Iowa, and has three children; Mary, who married Harry Reynolds, resides near Waverly, Iowa, and has one child; and Dora, who married Charles Hawley, resides in Marysville, Iowa, and has four children.

As his father was a teacher by profession, Dr. Osborn received special educational training in his youth and was kept continually at school until he was sixteen years of age, his first school-house being one of logs, located in Spencer's Grove.

Later he was sent to Tobin's Academy, at that time a noted institution, in Vinton, Iowa, and from which he graduated in 1868, immediately becoming a teacher. His assistance was given to his father on the farm when other duties did not engage his time, but until 1872 his services as an instructor were in demand through the county.

In the latter year Dr. Osborn entered the Baptist College at Wilton, Muscatine county, Iowa, at which well-known educational center he graduated with honors, in the class of 1874. The intervening years until 1879 were occupied in teaching, during which time he quietly read on the science of medicine, this being the goal toward which he was working. In 1881 he graduated from the medical department in the Iowa State University, his preliminary preparation being so thorough that his preceptors gave him an unusual advance of two years in the medical course.

On April 23, which later became a sad anniversary, it being the date of his death, Dr. Osborn located in Delmar, Iowa, and began the practice of his profession. Some physicians are undoubtedly born, not made, and to this class belonged our lamented subject. His success was immediate, although steady and advancing until the date of his death, extending over a wide range of country, and connected with every condition of life. Not only was he a public-spirited citizen, but he was one of the most charitable and benevolent of physicians, a friend to those who needed his services, irrespective of their ability to remunerate him. Not only was he mourned by his immediate family, but also by hundreds of those who had benefited by his kindness and skill.

Dr. Osborn was taken ill on the anni-

versary of his wedding and passed out of life on the anniversary of his location in this city. He had provided well for the welfare of his family, leaving them property, including a large farm in Kansas, a store building and several residences and an elegant home in this city, and also an insurance of ten thousand dollars. His political sympathies were ever with the Republican party, although he never would accept public office. His social connections were with the State Medical Association; the Clinton and Jackson County Association; the American Medical Association; the Modern Woodmen of America of Delmar, in all of these organizations possessing the esteem and affection of his comrades. For many years he was a steward and trustee of the Methodist church.

Dr. Osborn came of fine old Mayflower stock, and two of his uncles, both physicians, Dr. Moses and Dr. William Osborn, took loyal part in the Revolutionary war, the latter dying of yellow fever while in the service of his country.

The marriage of Dr. Osborn was on April 17, 1879, at Wilton Junction, Iowa, to Miss Hattie M. Strickland, who was born in Muscatine, Iowa, and who was a daughter of A. F. and W. J. (Covell) Strickland, both of whom were natives of Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland came west in February, 1856, riding on the first train that made the trip west of Davenport. They located twelve miles east of Muscatine, where Mr. Strickland bought a farm of raw prairie land, erected a log cabin, and for nine years he labored there, bringing his farm to a fine state of cultivation. Selling this farm, he then retired to Wilton, and for a period engaged in the harness business there, but prior to his death on March 31, 1874, he

had lived retired from active endeavor. The mother of Mrs. Osborn is still a resident of Wilton.

Dr. and Mrs. Osborn were the parents of one daughter, Florence E., who was born on June 8, 1890, and is one of the bright pupils of the public school in this city.

HENRY WALKER.

Henry Walker, who is a retired farmer and one of the pioneer settlers of Elk River township, was born on February 5, 1832, in Vermont, and he was a son of William and Eliza (Rhynebeck) Walker, both of whom were born in Ireland, although the mother was of Scotch descent. They were married in 1825, coming immediately to the United States and purchasing a farm in Vermont. For some years they remained there and then sold that property and moved to Columbia county, New York, in 1836, where for ten years Mr. Walker followed farming.

At that date many ambitious farmers, anxious to provide land for their growing sons, began to look to the West, and Mr. Walker finally decided to make the journey thither also. By the Erie canal from Albany, the family reached Buffalo, crossing the lake to Chicago, which at that time was but a trading post, with no promise of the magnificent city into which it has developed, and here they secured an ox team, and two weeks later reached Sabula, Jackson county, Iowa. During this long trip, our subject walked the greater part of the way, hunting game, providing plenty for the sustenance of the family. After six weeks passed in Sabula, the family came to section 3, in 1846, where Mr. Walker rented a farm. The next

year he bought forty acres of raw, wild land, the same our subject now owns and is justly proud of, and here a house was built, which now serves as a stable, but is still in a good state of preservation. The shingles, which still make a good strong roof, are the same ones put there in 1847, and they were fashioned by our subject by hand. So expert did he become in this business that he was engaged to make shingles for his neighbors.

William Walker resided on this farm and expended upon it his time and strength until the time of his death with the exception of seven years, during which time he resided in Lyons. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and six of these grew to maturity only, one of these being a daughter. George Walker died in 1872, and was buried in Feed's Grove, Iowa; Robert lives in California, having gone there during the gold fever days of 1849; Bryn and was buried in Fed's Grove, Iowa; Rob-cied and was buried in Miles, Iowa; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Wesley was a member of Company A, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and is now a farmer in Nebraska; Jason died in the state of New York; Dedrick died in the state of New York; and Jane, who married J. S. Walker, lives in Preston, Iowa. After a long and useful life our subject's father died in 1877 at the age of seventy-four years, the mother having passed away in 1858, at the age of fifty-two, and both lie buried at Feed's Grove, Iowa. During life Mr. Walker had first been active in the Whig party and later was identified with the Republican party. For many years he was township trustee and also served in many minor offices.

Henry Walker, of this biography, attended school in New York before the fam-

ily moved to Iowa, after which he assisted his father in breaking up the prairie farm, using for this purpose a six-yoke ox team. In 1858 he was married to Miss Sarah C. Bensen, who was a native of the state of New York and who had come West with her brothers and sisters and engaged in school teaching. To this union one child was born which died in infancy, the mother also dying on February 7, 1869, and both were buried at Feed's Grove, Iowa. In October, 1869, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Belle B. Darling, who was a daughter of Charles and Amanda (Bensen) Darling, both of whom were natives of Dutchess county, New York, who came to Wisconsin in 1846 and to Elk River township, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1852, purchasing a one-quarter section of land where they spent the remainder of their days, he dying in 1891 at the age of seventy-three years and she in 1894 at the age of sixty-eight years. The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Darling were: Belle B., the wife of our subject; Frank J., an engineer on the North Western Railroad, who resides in Clinton; Charles L., who died in 1901, and George H., who lives on his father's place in Elk River township. To our subject and wife was born one daughter,—Grace B., who married Willis J. Shaddock, and they reside at Miles, Iowa, their four children being,—Mabel, Homer, Gladys and Wayne.

Mr. Walker is one of the prominent men of this county and has spent a long and industrious life upon the farm, for which he owns the original paper which was signed by President Jackson when his father entered this land. During all these years he has added to the original tract, but for some time he has not been actively employed in its cultivation. The family are worthy and

consistent members of the Methodist church at Feed's Grove, to which he is a liberal contributor.

SAMUEL M. HIGHLAND.

Samuel M. Highland, the president and secretary of the Gas Light & Coke Company, of Clinton, Iowa, is one of the leading and substantial citizens of this city.

Samuel M. Highland was born in Carroll county, Iowa, in 1849, and he was a son of Daniel and Mary Ann (Gregory) Highland, farming people of the county. His education was acquired in the public schools, but his course was shortened to permit his entrance into the Rodey's mills, at Lyons. Mr. Highland's career has been from this early date connected with gas, and so thoroughly has he studied the subject and experimented with all its possibilities that no one could be better fitted for the high position which he holds.

At Masterton, Ohio, Mr. Highland so impressed his employers with his reliability and knowledge of the business that he continued for a considerable period there as superintendent, moving to Alliance, Ohio, in 1883, where he became a part owner of the plant. Later he became connected with the gas plant in Muncie, Indiana, and bought the Marion gas works, this association necessitating the building, buying and remodeling of so many plants that Mr. Highland found his health failing and on this account was obliged to dispose of his interests there.

In the fall of 1890 Mr. Highland came to Clinton as superintendent of the water

works, and the citizens of this city are greatly indebted to him for their successful and efficient service. In 1901 Mr. Highland again became connected with gas, purchasing an interest in the Clinton Gas & Coke Company, which was established in this city in 1869, its president being W. J. Young, whose death left the vacancy which Mr. Highland has so efficiently filled. Under his capable management there has been a marvelous growth; the price of the commodity has been cheapened; mains have been extended, and general commercial prosperity established. The capital stock of the original company was twenty-five thousand dollars, while in contrast, it now is one hundred and forty thousand dollars. The beautiful offices and sales-rooms of the company are located at the corner of Fifth and Second streets, formerly the site of the Lee drug store, this property

having been remodeled under the supervision of Mr. Highland.

The marriage of Mr. Highland was to Miss Mary Rockhill, who was a daughter of David Rockhill, of Alliance, Ohio, and to this union two children were born, namely, Lenora, who is the wife of Thomas Ryan, of Clinton; and Edward, who is the reliable assistant superintendent and practical manager of the plant, which is one of the finest and most modern in the state. The gas furnished daily to the citizens of Clinton aggregates one hundred and fifty thousand feet, necessitating the consumption of twenty-six tons of coal per diem.

Mr. Highland occupies one of the handsomest residences in this beautiful city and is prominently identified with the Masonic order, the Elks, and other social organizations.







